

Wednesday, July 16, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Energy and Water Appropriations, 1998, and Legislative Branch Appropriations, 1998.

House passed H.R. 2158, VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 1998.

House Committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7511–S7621

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1021–1025 and S. Res. 108. Page S7621

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1022, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105–48)

S. 1023, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 105–49) Page S7621

Measures Passed:

Energy and Water Appropriations: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 179), Senate passed S. 1004, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, as amended. Pages S7537–44

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 1004 remain at the desk pending receipt of the House companion measure, and when the House companion measure is passed, pursuant to the order of July 15, 1997, the passage of S. 1004 be vitiated, and that S. 1004 be indefinitely postponed. Page S7532

Legislative Branch Appropriations: Senate passed S. 1019, making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S7593–S7602

Bennett/Bingaman Amendment No. 920, to provide funds for a pilot program of studies of scientific and technological issues to assist the Congress in anticipating, understanding and considering such issues in the course of determining public policy on existing and emerging national problems. Pages S7593–94

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the House companion measure, all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 1019, as passed by the Senate, be inserted in lieu thereof, that the bill be passed, the Senate insist on its amendment, the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, that S. 1019 remain at the desk pending receipt of the House companion measure, and when the House companion measure is passed, the passage of S. 1019 be vitiated, and that S. 1019 be indefinitely postponed. Pages S7601–02

Foreign Operations Appropriations: Senate began consideration of S. 995, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S7515–37, S7544–93

Adopted:

McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 876, to improve the performance of enterprise funds. Pages S7515–16

McConnell (for Leahy/McConnell) Amendment No. 877, to establish authority for development credit. Pages S7515–16

McConnell (for Leahy/McConnell) Amendment No. 878, to provide further assistance for the cost of direct loans and loan guarantees of the Micro and Small Enterprise Development Program. Pages S7515–16

McConnell (for Leahy/McConnell) Amendment No. 879, to establish limitations on the transfer of military equipment to East Timor. **Pages S7515-16**

McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 880, to establish requirements relating to stockpiling of defense articles for foreign countries. **Pages S7515-16**

McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 881, relating to the Foreign Military Financing Program. **Pages S7515-16**

McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 882, to require a report prior to March 31, 1998 that Ukraine has met certain conditions. **Pages S7515-16**

McConnell (for Leahy/Biden) Amendment No. 883, to require the withholding of assistance to any country granting sanctuary to any person indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. **Pages S7515-16**

Brownback Modified Amendment No. 884, to provide for certain activities regarding the promotion of respect for religious freedom and human rights in countries such as the Peoples Republic of China. **Page S7545**

McConnell Amendment No. 885, to provide bilateral economic assistance to Egypt. **Pages S7518, S7523-26**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 180), McConnell/Leahy Modified Amendment No. 886, to restrict aid to Cambodia. **Pages S7518, S7576-77**

McConnell/Leahy Modified Amendment No. 887, to restrict aid to Cambodia. **Pages S7518, S7576-77**

Gorton Amendment No. 893, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the eligibility for NATO membership of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. **Pages S7522-23**

By 95 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 178), Smith (of Oregon)/Nickles Amendment No. 889 (to Amendment No. 888), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7519-22, S7526-27, S7536**

Smith (of Oregon) Amendment No. 888, to prohibit foreign assistance to the Government of Russia should it enact laws which would discriminate against minority religious faiths in the Russian Federation, as amended. **Pages S7518-22, S7537, S7544**

Brownback Modified Amendment No. 892, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the targeting of assistance to support the economic and political independence of the countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia. **Pages S7536, S7544-45**

Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 894, to provide conditions for funding North Korea's implementation of the nuclear framework agreement. **Pages S7527-34, S7544**

Boxer Amendment No. 897, to provide funds for the Communal Areas Management Programme for Indigenous Resources (CAMPFIRE) in Zimbabwe. **Pages S7546-47**

Harkin Amendment No. 899, to express the sense of the Congress towards promoting United States trade and development to and with Pakistan. **Pages S7550-58**

Gorton/Feinstein Amendment No. 902, to express the sense of the Senate on the European Commission's handling of the Boeing and McDonnell Douglas merger. **Pages S7579-80**

Specter Amendment No. 898, to prohibit the use of funds to the Palestinian Authority unless certain conditions are satisfied. **Pages S7580-81**

DeWine Amendment No. 903, to limit assistance to Haiti unless certain conditions are satisfied. **Pages S7581-83**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 904, to allocate funds for legal restructuring in Ukraine necessary to support a decentralized market-oriented economic system. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 905, to prohibit assistance to Russia unless Russia terminates activities relating to ballistic missile or nuclear programs in Iran. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for Baucus) Amendment No. 906, to permit funds made available to the United States-Asia Environmental Partnership to be used for activities for the People's Republic of China. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for Enzi) Amendment No. 907, to ensure Congressional notification of the costs to the Federal Government of all federal programs associated with the proposed agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to the Framework Convention on Climate Change. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for Hagel) Amendment No. 908, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to the authority of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation to issue insurance and extend financing. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 909, to withhold assistance to countries that are violating United Nations sanctions against Libya. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 910, to establish prosecution procedures for war crimes. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for Domenici) Amendment No. 911, to allocate funds for a Western Hemisphere International Law Enforcement Academy. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for Dodd) Amendment No. 912, to provide for the reform and annual review of United States sponsored training programs of Latin American military personnel at the School of the Americas and elsewhere to ensure that training is consistent with respect for human rights and civil control over the military. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 913, to recommend that the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam be placed on the list of terrorist organizations by the Department of State. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for Durbin) Amendment No. 914, to limit international military education and training assistance for Peru. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 915, to provide for an authorization requirement for international financial institutions. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for D'Amato) Amendment No. 916, to make an amendment with respect to Congressional review of new arrangements for borrowing by the International Monetary Fund. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 917, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 918, to limit aid to the Government of Congo until a Presidential certification. **Pages S7586-93**

McConnell (for Lott) Amendment No. 919, to make available certain funds for the purpose of facilitating the integration of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. **Pages S7586-93**

Rejected:

By 35 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 181), Allard Amendment No. 891, to decrease the amount of funds available to OPIC for administrative expenses to carry out the credit and insurance programs. **Pages S7547-49, S7577-78**

By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 182), Dodd Amendment No. 901 (to Amendment No. 900), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S7562-76, S7578-79**

Pending:

Bingaman Amendment No. 896, to provide for Cuban-American family humanitarian support and compassionate travel. **Pages S7535-36**

Hutchinson Amendment No. 890, to express the sense of the Senate that Most Favored Nations trade status for China should be revoked. **Pages S7558-62**

Withdrawn:

Bingaman Amendment No. 895, to restore to U.S. citizens and residents the right of travel to Cuba. **Pages S7534-35**

Dodd Amendment No. 900, to suspend temporarily the certification procedures under section 490(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 in order to foster greater multilateral cooperation in international counternarcotics programs. **Pages S7562-76, S7579**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and the amendments pending thereto, on Thursday, July 17, 1997, with votes to occur thereon. **Page S7579**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the House companion measure, all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 955, as passed by the Senate, be inserted in lieu thereof, that the bill be passed, the Senate insist on its amendment, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S7579**

A further consent agreement was reached providing that, upon passage, S. 955 remain at the desk pending receipt of the House companion measure, and when the House companion measure is passed, the passage of S. 955 be vitiated, and that S. 955 be indefinitely postponed. **Page S7593**

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

Transmitting the report of an agreement between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China; which was referred jointly, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1823(b), to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-53). **Page S7602**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard Conway Casey, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Ronald Lee Gilman, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Page S7621**

Messages From the President: **Page S7602**

Messages From the House: **Page S7602**

Measures Referred: **Page S7602**

Communications: **Pages S7602-03**

Petitions: **Page S7603**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S7603-08**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S7608-09**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7609-15**

Authority for Committees: **Page S7615**

Additional Statements: **Pages S7615-20**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—182) **Pages S7536, S7539, S7577-79**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 8:21 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 17, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7621.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the importance of alternative fuels in addressing future national security concerns, focusing on agriculture's vulnerability to energy price volatility, the contribution of home-grown renewable alternative fuels, and the role of new technologies in making agriculture more energy efficient while increasing yields, after receiving testimony from Roger K. Conway, Director, Office of Energy and New Uses, Economic Research Service, Department of Agriculture; Joseph J. Romm, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Henry C. Kelly, Acting Associate Director for Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and John B. Campbell, Ag Processing Inc., Omaha, Nebraska.

Also, committee received a briefing on the international energy security situation from officials of the Central Intelligence Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia resumed hearing on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the government of the District of Columbia, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Margaret A. Moore, Director, Department of Corrections, and Larry D. Soulsby, Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department, both of the District of Columbia.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, July 23.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Jamie Rappaport Clark, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

DRUG VIOLENCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism concluded hearings to examine new drug smuggling methods and the number and violence of certain incidents involving drug cartels targeting United States officials in retaliation for U.S. counterdrug efforts, after receiving testimony from

Richard Hoglund, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investigations, United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Michael T. Horn, Chief of International Operations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Cochise County Sheriff Larry A. Dever, Bisbee, Arizona; Samuel C. Scott, Fontana Police Department, Fontana, California; and a certain protected witness.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings, in open and closed sessions, to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Paul A. Buskirk, Acting Director, Office of Security, Robert P. Gallagher, Director, Office of Intelligence Liaison, and Jeffrey Garten, former Under Secretary for International Trade, all of the Department of Commerce; Gary A. Christopherson, former Associate Director of White House Personnel; William H. McNair, Information Officer/Director of Operations, Central Intelligence Agency; and John H. Dickerson, a protected witness.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the terms and parameters of the proposed Global Tobacco Settlement which will mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed and distributed in America, focusing on its long-term impact on children and the public health, and its legal and constitutional ramifications, receiving testimony from Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Hartford; Minnesota Attorney General Hubert H. Humphrey III, St. Paul; Colorado Attorney General Gale A. Norton, Denver; Richard F. Scruggs, Scruggs, Millette, Lawson, Bozeman & Dent, Pascagoula, Mississippi; Stanley M. Chesley, Waite, Schneider, Bayless & Chesley, Cincinnati, Ohio; Laurence H. Tribe, Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Robert A. Levy, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

TELEVISION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded hearings on S. 539, to exempt agreements relating to voluntary guidelines governing telecast material from the applicability of the antitrust laws, after receiving testimony from Senators Lieberman and Brownback; Reed E. Hundt, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Maryland Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr., Baltimore; and Cass

R. Sunstein, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2170–2179 were introduced. **Pages H5400–01**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Report on the Revised Subdivision of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1998 (H. Rept. 105–185);

H.R. 1362, to establish a demonstration project to provide for Medicare reimbursement for health care services provided to certain Medicare-eligible veterans in selected facilities of Department of Veterans Affairs, amended (H. Rept. 105–186 Part I);

H. Res. 187, providing for consideration of H.R. 1853, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (H. Rept. 105–187); and

H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–188). **Page H5400**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaHood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5303**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Joe Clark of Annandale, Virginia. **Page H5303**

Presidential Message—Fisheries Agreement: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his agreement between the United States and the People's Republic of China concerning fisheries off the coasts of the United States—referred to the Committee on Resources and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–106). **Page H5309**

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act: By a yea and nay vote of 397 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 280, the House passed H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed

debate and considered amendments on Tuesday, July 15. **Pages H5309–71**

By a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 279, rejected the Kennedy of Massachusetts motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with amendments that increase the funding for Public Housing Agency Grants, Economic Development Grants, Youthbuild Program Activities, and Homeless Assistance Grants. **Pages H5369–70**

Agreed To:

The Lewis of California en bloc amendment that increases funding for National Cemetery construction by \$5.5 million and decreases Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities funding accordingly. **Pages H5309–10**

The Solomon amendment that, upon enactment of legislation establishing the Medical Collection Fund, provides assurances of an additional \$579 million for veteran medical care if third party receipts fall short, and reduces EPA Science and Technology Funding by \$27 million to fund these assurances; **Pages H5310–18**

The Lewis of California amendment that decreases National Science Foundation research funding by \$174,000; **Pages H5322–36**

The Obey amendment that increases veteran medical care funding by \$48 million and decreases Emergency Management Planning and Assistance funding for a windstorm simulation center by \$60 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 322 yeas to 110 noes, Roll No. 276); **Pages H5339–40**

The Stokes amendment that strikes language earmarking \$60 million of Emergency Management Planning and Assistance funding for a windstorm simulation center (agreed to by a recorded vote of 244 yeas to 187 noes, Roll No. 277); **Pages H5318–19, H5340**

The Bentsen amendment that prohibits any funding to be used for the import of PCB's and PCB items into the United States; and **Pages H5343–45**

The Solomon amendment that prohibits the use of funds for grants or contracts to any institution of higher learning that bars ROTC or military recruiters access to the general student population. **Page H5345**

Rejected: The Sensenbrenner amendment that sought to reduce Human Space Flight funding by \$100 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 278).

Pages H5319–22, H5340–41

Points of Order Sustained Against:

Section 420 of the bill, that sought to make funding available for conservation and management plans notwithstanding section 320(g) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act;

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The Vento amendment that sought to increase FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program funding by \$30.1 million and reduce the NASA Human Space Flight program by \$43 million; and

Pages H5345–47

The Hefley amendment that sought to increase EPA Leaking Underground Storage Tank program funding by \$11.2 million and decrease HUD Management and Administration Salaries and Expenses funding by \$31 million.

Pages H5362–63

Withdrawn:

The Wise amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide \$3 million for expenses of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board with the funding for it to be derived from the EPA Environmental Programs and Management account; and

Pages H5336–39

The Foley amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to reduce the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Program Account by \$75 million.

Pages H5347–62

The House agreed to H. Res. 184, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill on July 15.

Pages H5247–51

Agriculture Appropriations: The House completed general debate on H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Consideration of amendments will begin on Thursday, July 17.

Pages H5372–82

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5401–05.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5339–40, H5340, H5341, H5370, and H5370–71. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 1998 D.C. Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Marion Barry, Mayor; and Linda Cropp, Acting Chairman, Council; and Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority.

GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ENTERPRISES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight held a joint oversight hearing on Government Sponsored Enterprises. Testimony was heard from Jim Bothwell, Chief Economist, GAO; Thomas Woodward, Economist, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SALVAGE MOTOR VEHICLE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1839, National Salvage Motor Vehicle Consumer Protection Act of 1997.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families continued hearings on the Authorization of the Older Americans Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ERGONOMICS: A QUESTION OF FEASIBILITY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Ergonomics: A Question of Feasibility. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Democratic Republic of Congo: Problems and Prospects. Testimony was heard from Thomas Pickering, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State; J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, AID, U.S.

International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

CAMBODIA—BREAKDOWN OF DEMOCRACY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Familiar Ground: The Breakdown of Democracy in Cambodia and Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy. Testimony was heard from Aurelia Brazeal, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

JOBS AND EXPORTS RENEWAL ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade approved for full Committee amended H.R. 2064, Jobs and Exports Renewal Act of 1997.

ANTI-DRUG EFFORT IN THE AMERICAS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on the Anti-Drug Effort in the Americas: A Mid-Term Report. Testimony was heard from Representative Hastert; Jane Becker, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Rear Adm. Walter Doran, USN, Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command, Department of Defense; and James Milford, Deputy Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 764, Bankruptcy Amendments of 1997; H.R. 1596, Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 1997; and H.R. 1953, to clarify State authority to tax compensation paid to certain employees.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 424, amended, to provide for increased mandatory minimum sentences for criminals possessing firearms; and the Witness Protection and Interstate Relocation Act of 1997.

THREATS POSED BY ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE TO U.S. MILITARY SYSTEMS

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on threats posed by electromagnetic pulse to U.S. Military systems and civilian infrastructure. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: George W. Ullrich, Deputy Director, Defense Special Weapons Agency; and Gilbert I. Klinger, Acting Deputy Under Secretary (Space);

Gen. Robert T. Marsh, USAF (Ret.), Chairman, President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection; and Lowell Wood, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 700, amended, to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; H.R. 799, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Hells Canyon Wilderness in the States of Oregon and Idaho to exclude an established Forest Service road inadvertently included in the wilderness; H.R. 838, to require adoption of a management plan for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that allows appropriate use of motorized and nonmotorized river craft in the recreation area; H.R. 948, Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Act; H.R. 976, amended, Mississippi Sioux Tribes Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 1997; H.R. 1460, amended, to allow for election of the Delegate from Guam by other than separate ballot; H.R. 1604, amended, to provide for the division, use, and distribution of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan pursuant to dockets numbered 18-E, 58, 364, and 18-R before the Indian Claims Commission; H.R. 1663, amended, to clarify the intent of the Congress in Public Law 93-632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated as wilderness in that Public Law; H.R. 1944, Warner Canyon Ski Hill Land Exchange Act of 1997; and H.R. 1855, amended, to establish a moratorium on large fishing vessels in Atlantic herring and mackerel fisheries.

The Committee also approved a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena concerning the matter of the committee review of hardrock bonding mining regulations.

CARL D. PERKINS VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1853, Carl D. Perkins Vocational-Technical Education Act Amendments of 1997. The rule waives clause 2(I)(6) of rule XI (relating to the 3-day availability of the report) against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on Education and the Workforce amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for purpose of amendment, shall

be open to amendment at any point, and each section shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodling; and Representatives Morella, Clay, Martinez and Mink of Hawaii.

CREDIT SUBSIDY RATES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on credit subsidy rates for the Section 7(a) general business loan program and the Section 504 Certified Development Company program. Testimony was heard from Edward DeSeve, Acting Deputy Director, OMB; Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; Judy England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation approved for full Committee action the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1997.

VETERAN'S LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on pending proposals in the areas of education, training and employment. Testimony was heard from former Representative G.V. Montgomery of Mississippi; Al Borrego, Acting Assistant Secretary, Veterans Employment and Training, Department of Labor; Celia Dollarhide, Director, Education Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of various veterans organizations.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings on the implementation of the Northern Forestry Stewardship Act, 2:30 p.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for Amtrak, focusing on the calculation of excess railroad retirement payments, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Full Committee, business meeting, to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Agriculture, rural development, and related agencies, proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military construction programs, and proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for the Departments of Vet-

erans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and related agencies, 3:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the nomination of Rudy deLeon, of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on International Finance, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the HUD Rebuilding and Loan Guaranty Program for financial institutions, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on S. 625, to provide for competition between forms of motor vehicle insurance, to permit an owner of a motor vehicle to choose the most appropriate form of insurance for that person, to guarantee affordable premiums, and to provide for more adequate and timely compensation for accident victims, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on the nominations of Patrick A. Shea, of Utah, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, and Robert G. Stanton, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Park Service, both of the Department of the Interior, Kneeland C. Youngblood, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Enrichment Corporation, and Kathleen M. Karpan, of Wyoming, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 895, to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as "Trinity Lake", S. 931, to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center, and S. 871, to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System and to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to resume hearings to examine issues relating to climate change, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to mark up S. Res. 98, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to any international agreement on greenhouse gas emissions under the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change, a proposed concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the OAS-CIAV Mission in Nicaragua is to be congratulated for its defense of human rights, promotion of peaceful conflict resolution, and contribution to the development of freedom and democracy in Nicaragua, and to consider the Agreement with Hong Kong for the Surrender of Fugitive Offenders (Treaty Doc. 105-3), and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the status of Bosnia non-compliance with the Dayton Accords, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to resume markup of S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings on proposals to extend the Visa Waiver Pilot Program, including S. 290, to establish a visa waiver pilot program for nationals of Korea who are traveling in tour groups to the United States, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine the quality of child care, 2 p.m., SD-430.

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Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the following appropriations for fiscal year 1998: Energy and Water Development; and Legislative Branch, 9 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 11 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, to continue hearings on H.R. 6, Higher Education Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, to continue hearings on National Drug Control Policy: Drug Interdiction Efforts in Florida and the Caribbean, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Inspector General's Oversight of the Department of State and

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Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1054, Internet Tax Freedom Act, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Fairness in Music Licensing, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, hearing on NATO expansion, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife & Oceans, oversight hearing to review the final outcome of the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on Government Performance and Results Act status—Bureau of Reclamation, USGS, Water Resources and the Power Marketing Administration, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, to continue hearings on the Reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, hearing on Road Rage: Causes and Dangers of Aggressive Driving, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on sexual harassment issues involving senior career managers within the Department of Veterans Affairs and H.R. 1703, the Department of Veterans Affairs Employment Discrimination Prevention Act, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Inspector General Audit of Health Care Financing Administration's Financial Statements, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 955, Foreign Operations Appropriations, with votes to occur thereon. Senate may also consider S. 1023, Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1998.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 2160, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1998; and

Consideration of H.R. 2159, Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998 (modified open rule, 1 hour of debate).

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