

**Adopted:**

Graham Amendment No. 948, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should consider legislation concerning catastrophic natural disasters.

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Wellstone/Mikulski Amendment No. 949, to state the sense of the Senate regarding appropriations for discretionary activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs in fiscal years 1999 through 2002.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 950, to provide for the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs to hold hearings to consider certain disease related legislation.

Pages S7827–30

Mikulski Amendment No. 951, to provide for increased funding for empowerment zones and enterprise communities.

Pages S7830–33

Bumpers Amendment No. 954, to earmark funds for a National Research Council report on the Space Station program.

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Bumpers Amendment No. 955, regarding J–1 visas for doctors at Veterans Administration hospitals.

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Bond Amendment No. 956, to enable the State of Florida to use prior EPA Title II funds for a grant for wastewater treatment.

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Bond (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 957, to limit the use of locality pay differential that would provide a pay increase to an employee transferred as a result of sexual harassment.

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Bond (for Gorton) Amendment No. 958, to limit participation in the Native American Housing Block Grants Program under certain conditions.

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Bond (for Shelby) Amendment No. 959, to make funds available for the Neutral Buoyancy Simulator program of NASA.

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Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 960, to make certain technical and clerical corrections.

Pages S7843, S7845

**Rejected:**

Bumpers Amendment No. 944, to reduce the appropriation for the implementation of the space station program for the purpose of terminating the program. (By 69 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 193), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S7804–09, S7833–34, S7836–41

**Withdrawn:**

Allard Amendment No. 947, to make an amendment relating to the use of public housing operating funds to provide tenant-based assistance.

Pages S7826–27

D'Amato Amendment No. 952, to require reports by the Comptroller General on the allocation of health care resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs under the Veterans Integrated Service Net-

work system and the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation system.

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Bumpers Amendment No. 953, to cap the cost of the Space Station.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Bond, Burns, Stevens, Shelby, Campbell, Craig, Cochran, Mikulski, Leahy, Lautenberg, Harkin, Boxer, and Byrd.

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Subsequently, S. 1034 was returned to the Senate calendar.

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**Agriculture Appropriations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1033, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, on Wednesday, July 23, 1998.

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

Philip Lader, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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**Communications:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

Pages S7869–70

**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authority for Committees:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—194) Pages S7787, S7790–91, S7823, S7841, S7857

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, July 23, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7878.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **CLEAN AIR REGULATIONS AND AGRICULTURE**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of Environmental Protection Agency revisions to the national ambient air quality standards for ground-level ozone and particulate matter on the agriculture industry, after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection

Agency; Phillip J. Wakelyn, National Cotton Council of America, on behalf of the Department of Agriculture Agricultural Air Quality Task Force, and Adam J. Sharp, American Farm Bureau Federation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert C. Junk, Jr., Pennsylvania Farmers Union, Harrisburg, on behalf of the National Farmers Union.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION/ INTERIOR

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

An original bill (S. 1048) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and

H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, with amendments.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

#### FEDERAL MASS TRANSIT PROGRAM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the importance of the Federal mass transit program and proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, after receiving testimony from Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Derick Berlage, Montgomery County, Maryland, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; John P. Poorman, Capital District Transportation Committee/Metropolitan Planning Organization, Albany, New York, on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations; Edward Wytkind, Transportation Trades Department/AFL-CIO, William Millar, American Public Transit Association, Barbara Singleton, Community Transportation Association of America, Hank Dittmar, Surface Transportation Policy Project, Bernice Shepard, American Association of Retired Persons, and Nancy J. Smith, Project ACTION/National Easter Seals Society, all of Washington, D.C.; and Eugene J. Berardi, Jr., Adirondack Trailways, Kingston, New York, on behalf of the American Bus Association.

#### WARD VALLEY LAND TRANSFER

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee held hearings to examine the Department of the Interior's review of the proposed transfer of federal land in Ward Valley to the State of California for use as a site for the disposal of commercially generated low-level radioactive waste, and S. 964, proposed Ward Valley Land Transfer Act, receiving testimony from Senator Boxer; Representatives Bilbray and George Miller; Gary Jones, Acting Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; John Garamendi, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; and California Deputy Cabinet Secretary Michael A. Kahoe, Sacramento, on behalf of California Governor's Office and California Department of Health Services.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Stanley O. Roth, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Robb, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### CENTRAL ASIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine United States foreign policy in the independent states of the Caucasus and Central Asia, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs; Caspar Weinberger, Forbes, Inc., Lt. Gen. William E. Odom, USA (Ret.), Hudson Institute, and Paul A. Goble, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, all of Washington, D.C.; and Martha Brill Olcott, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, on behalf of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

#### CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee met in open and closed session to discuss certain immunity issues with regard to the special investigation on campaign financing, but made no announcements, and recessed subject to call.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Frank M. Hull, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Joseph F. Bataillon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska,

Robert Charles Chambers, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, Janet C. Hall, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and Christina A. Snyder, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Hull was introduced by Senators Coverdell and Cleland; Mr. Bataillon was introduced by Senators Hagel and Kerrey, Mr. Chambers was introduced by Senators Byrd and Rockefeller, Ms. Hall was introduced by Senators Dodd and Lieberman, and Ms. Snyder was introduced by Senator Feinstein.

### WOMEN'S HEALTH

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine how information re-

lating to women's health care is communicated to women and their providers, and on proposed legislation to provide comprehensive patient protections through improved access to quality health plans and continued research in women's health issues, after receiving testimony from Vermont State Senator Barbara W. Snelling, Shelburne; Phyllis Greenberger, Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research, and Judith L. Lichtman, Women's Legal Defense Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; Judith H. LaRosa, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the American Heart Association; Bradley A. Arrick, Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, New Hampshire; Gloria Feldt, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Phoenix, Arizona; and Mary J. O'Sullivan, University of Miami, Miami, Florida.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 2205–2221; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 118, were introduced. Page H5569

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 192, providing for consideration of H.R. 2003, to reform the budget process and enforce the bipartisan balanced budget agreement of 1997 (H. Rept. 105–195); and

H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–196); and

H. Res. 193, providing for consideration of 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 (H. Rept. 105–197). Pages H5568–69

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5493

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H5499

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Shackleford Banks, North Carolina Wild Horses Protection Act:** H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Sea-

shore (passed by a recorded vote of 416 ayes to 6 noes, Roll No. 290); Pages H5501–03, H5544–45

**Warner Canyon, Oregon Ski Hill Land Exchange Act of 1997:** H.R. 1944, to provide for a land exchange involving the Warner Canyon Ski Area and other land in the State of Oregon (passed by a recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 291); Pages H5503–04, H5545

**Maintenance of Dams and Weirs in the Emigrant Wilderness:** 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 (passed by a recorded vote of 424 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 292); Pages H5504–05, H5545–46

**Trademark Law Treaty Implementation Act:** H.R. 1661, amended, to implement the provisions of the Trademark Law Treaty (passed by a recorded vote of 425 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 293); Pages H5505–07, H5546–47

**Lasting Peace and Stability on Cyprus:** H. Con. Res. 81, amended, calling for a United States initiative seeking a just and peaceful resolution of the situation on Cyprus (agreed to by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 294); Pages H5507–11, H5547

**Democratic Elections In El Salvador:** H. Con. Res. 88, congratulating the Government and the