

Wednesday, July 30, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Transportation Appropriations, 1998.

House agreed to the Conference report on H.R. 2015, the Balanced Budget Act of FY 1998.

Committee of Conference filed the Conference report on H.R. 2014, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (H. Rept. 105-220).

House Committees ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2261, Small Business Assistance Programs Reauthorization Amendments Act of 1997; and H.R. 2247, Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act of 1997.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1087-1093, S. Res. 110, and S. Con. Res. 46. **Pages S8360-61**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 910, to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-59)

H.R. 1198, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the City of Grants Pass, Oregon.

H.R. 1944, to provide for a land exchange involving the Warner Canyon Ski Area and other land in the State of Oregon.

S. 871, to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System; to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust.

S. 1082, to authorize appropriations to pay for United States contributions to certain international financial institutions.

S. Con. Res. 39, expressing the sense of the Congress that the German Government should expand and simplify its reparations system, provide reparations to Holocaust survivors in Eastern and Central Europe, and set up a fund to help cover the medical expenses of Holocaust survivors.

S. Con. Res. 45, commending Dr. Hans Blix for his distinguished service as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the occasion of his retirement.

S. Con. Res. 46, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the terrorist bombing in the Jerusalem market on July 30, 1997. **Pages S8367-68**

Measures Passed:

International Dolphin Conservation Program Act: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 207), Senate passed S. 39, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Snowe Amendment No. 1045, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8303**

International Dolphin Conservation Program Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 408, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 39, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate. **Page S8312**

Transportation Appropriations, 1998: By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 208), Senate passed H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, as amended.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Shelby, Domenici, Specter, Bond, Gorton, Bennett, Faircloth, Stevens, Lautenberg, Byrd, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, and Murray. **Page S8312**

Subsequently, pursuant to the order of July 28, 1997, S. 1048, Senate companion measure, was placed on the Senate Calendar. **Page S8185**

Need-Based Educational Aid Antitrust Protection Act: Senate passed H.R. 1866, to continue favorable treatment for need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8383**

Santorum (for DeWine/Kohl) Amendment No. 1046, to limit the application of an exemption of antitrust laws relating to need-based educational aid and to extend the period of applicability of that exemption. **Page S8383**

Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 98, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the SAFE KIDS Buckle Up Car Seat Safety Check. **Page S8383**

Budget Reconciliation Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998. **Pages S8314–55**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Thursday, July 31, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S8383**

Energy and Water/Transportation Appropriations—Additional Conferee: Senator Inouye was added as a conferee to H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. **Page S8383**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Extradition Treaty with Argentina (Treaty Doc. 105–18); and

Extradition Treaty with Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (Treaty Doc. 105–19).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S8382–83**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susan Graber, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Peter L. Scher, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Trade Negotiator.

Mary Anne Sullivan, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

Ela Yazzie-King, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1999.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—208) **Pages S8306, S8312**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, July 31, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8383.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, and to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs; and

The nominations of August Schumacher Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, I. Miley Gonzalez, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Shirley Robinson Watkins, of Arkansas, to be Under

Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, all of the Department of Agriculture.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Maj. Gen. Robert H. Foglesong, USAF, Maj. Gen. John M. Pickler, USA, and Maj. Gen. Michael J. Byron, USMC, each to be a Lieutenant General.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology resumed hearings to review computer systems and information processing challenges of the Year 2000 for certain financial institutions, receiving testimony from Edward W. Kelly, Jr., Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller of the Currency, and Nicolas P. Retsinas, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Arthur Levitt, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; Norman E. D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and Andrew C. Hove, Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings on the regulation of satellite-based telecommunications technology, focusing on the restructuring process of INTELSAT and Inmarsat satellite systems, after receiving testimony from Peter Cowhey, Chief, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Jack Gleason, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of International Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Steven W. Lett, Deputy United States Coordinator, International Communications and Information Policy, Department of State; Irving Goldstein, INTELSAT, Washington, D.C.; James W. Cuminale, PanAmSat Corporation, Greenwich, Connecticut; and Betty Alewine, COMSAT Corporation, Bethesda, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 360, to require adoption of a management plan for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that

allows appropriate use of motorized and non-motorized river craft in the recreation area;

S. 783, to increase the accessibility of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 590, to provide for a land exchange involving certain land within the Routt National Forest in the State of Colorado;

H.R. 1198, to convey certain land to the City of Grants Pass, Oregon;

H.R. 1944, to provide for a land exchange involving the Warner Canyon Ski Area and other land in the State of Oregon;

S. 308, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain land within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 871, to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial at the site of the bombing incident at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, to designate the memorial a unit of the National Park System, and establish the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust to oversee the development and operation of the memorial;

H.R. 63, 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. 965, to extend the authorization of appropriations in title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-271).

NATIONAL PARK CONCESSION MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded oversight hearings to review the management and operations of concession programs within the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director of Operations, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; David L. Brown, America Outdoors, Knoxville, Tennessee; Philip H. Voorhees, National Parks and Conservation Association, Curtis E. Cornelssen, Landauer Associates, and Allan T. Howe, National Park Hospitality Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Craig Mackey, Outward Bound USA, Golden, Colorado.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1059, to improve the

management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, after receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Gary J. Taylor, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and James R. Waltman, Wilderness Society, both of Washington, D.C.; and James A. Mosher, Izaak Walton League of America, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Hong Kong for the Surrender of Fugitive Offenders signed at Hong Kong on December 20, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-3), with two understandings, two declarations, an interpretation, and a proviso;

S. 1082, to authorize funds to pay for United States' contributions to certain international financial institutions;

S. Con. Res. 39, expressing the sense of the Congress that the German Government should expand and simplify its reparations system, provide reparations to Holocaust survivors in Eastern and Central Europe, and set up a fund to help cover the medical expenses of Holocaust survivors;

S. Con. Res. 45, commending Dr. Hans Blix for his distinguished service as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the occasion of his retirement;

An original concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 46) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the terrorist bombing in the Jerusalem market on July 30, 1997; and

The nominations of David Andrews, of California, to be Legal Adviser, Department of State, James Franklin Collins, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Bonnie R. Cohen, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of State for Management, Edward William Gnehm, Jr., of Georgia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Department of State, Marc Grossman, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs, Maura Harty, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Richard Dale Kauzlarich, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, John Christian Kornblum, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Philip Lader, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, James F. Mack, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, James W. Pardew, Jr., of Virginia, for the Rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Special Representative for Military Stabilization in the Balkans, Felix George

Rohatyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to France, Stanley O. Roth, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, James P. Rubin, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, Stephen R. Sestanovich, of the District of Columbia, as Ambassador at Large and Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States, Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Counselor of the Department of State, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Anne Marie Sigmund, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Keith C. Smith, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, and Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee continued hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Michael H. Cardozo, Presidential Legal Expense Trust, Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee resumed hearings to examine the terms and parameters of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to 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 Senator Lautenberg; Dianne Castano, *Castano v. American Tobacco Co.*, New Orleans, Louisiana; John R. Seffrin, American Cancer Society, Atlanta, Georgia; Robert A. Falise, Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust, Fairfax, Virginia; David Schultz, MCA, Massillon, Ohio, on behalf of the Point-of-Purchase Advertising Institute and the Freedom to Advertise Coalition; Jeffrey E. Harris, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Brookline, Massachusetts; Duncan Thomas, Q-Marts Inc., Richmond, Virginia, on behalf of the National Association of Convenience Stores; and Lonnie R. Bristow, San Pablo, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 569, to amend the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 to provide for retention by an Indian tribe of exclusive jurisdiction over child custody proceedings involving Indian children and other

related requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INDIAN TRUST FUND STRATEGIC PLAN

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held hearings to review the Special Trustee for American Indians' Strategic Plan for Indian trust fund accounting and asset management improvement, pursuant to the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act (P.L. 103-412), receiving testimony from Linda M. Calbom, Director, Civil Audits, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; Donald R. Lasher, Chief Information Officer, and Paul M. Homan, Special Trustee for American Indians, both of the Department of the Interior; Pearl Capoeman-Baller, Quinault Indian

Nation, Taholah, Washington; Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Scottsdale, Arizona; Elouise C. Cobell, Blackfeet Reservation Development Fund, Inc., Browning, Montana; Mary A. Benedict, Intertribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds, Juneau, Alaska; and W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 2292-2314; 1 private bill, H.R. 2315; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 89, H. Con. Res. 133-135, and H. Res. 204-205, were introduced.

Pages H6405-06

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 202, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998 (H. Rept. 105-218);

H. Res. 203, providing for consideration of a joint resolution waiving certain enrollment requirements with respect to two specified bills of the One Hundred Fifth Congress (H. Rept. 105-219); and

Conference report on H.R. 2014, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998 (H. Rept. 105-220).

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

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Allowing Same Day Consideration of Rule: By a ye and nay vote of 237 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 342, the House agreed to H. Res. 201, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. Earlier, agreed to order the

previous question by a ye and nay vote of 226 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 341.

Pages H6303-12

Balanced Budget Act of 1997: By a recorded vote of 346 yeas to 85 noes, Roll No. 345, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

Pages H6320-42

Agreed to H. Res. 202, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a ye and nay vote of 226 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 343.

Pages H6312-20

Terrorist Bombing in Jerusalem: By a ye and nay vote of 427 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 348, the House agreed to H. Con. Res. 133, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the terrorist bombing in the Jerusalem market on July 30, 1997.

Pages H6342-46, H6380

Foreign Operations Appropriations Act: The House completed debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2159 making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, July 31.

Pages H6346-H6402

Agreed To:

The Saxton amendment that suspends direct aid to the Palestinian Authority for ninety days;

Pages H6392-95

The McGovern amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that the President and Secretary of

State should express directly to the Government of Paraguay that the pending international adoption cases filed by U.S. families prior to the moratorium on international adoptions should be allowed to continue and complete the process in a fair, unbiased, and timely fashion;

Pages H6396–98

The Menendez amendment that prohibits any funding provided to the International Atomic Energy Agency to be made available for programs and projects in Cuba; and

Pages H6398–99

The Rohrabacher amendment that prohibits any direct aid to the government of Cambodia and prohibits any funding for the International Development Association, the International Monetary Fund, or the Asian Development Bank to be used for any loan to the government of Cambodia.

Pages H6399–H6400

Rejected:

The Royce amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) administrative expenses by \$11.2 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 346); and

Pages H6362–70, H6378–79

The Paul amendment that sought to reduce the Title I Export and Investment Assistance funding of \$704 million for the Export-Import Bank, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and Trade and Development Agency to \$0 (rejected by a recorded vote of 40 ayes to 387 noes, Roll No. 347).

Pages H6370–72, H6379

Pending Amendments:

Agreed by unanimous consent that the amendments numbered 1 and 2 in H. Rept. 105–184, as well as amendments printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 17, 18, and 19 by Representative Torres; and numbered 1 and 30 by Representative Kennedy of Massachusetts be in order at a later time during consideration of the bill notwithstanding that Title V may already have been read; and

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The Bereuter amendment was offered that seeks to prohibit direct aid to the Government of Cambodia.

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Point of Order:

A point of order was sustained against language that prohibits funding to any unit of security forces of a foreign country if the Secretary of State has credible evidence to believe that the unit has committed gross violations of human rights.

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The bill is being considered pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 24.

Bipartisan Task Force on Reform of the Ethics Process: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of May 7, 1997, as extended on

July 15, 1997, be further extended through Wednesday, September 10, 1997. The order of the House concerning the ethics process made in order during the period beginning immediately and ending on September 10, 1997: (1) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct may not receive, renew, initiate, or investigate a complaint against the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House; (2) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct may issue advisory opinions and perform other non-investigative functions; and (3) a resolution addressing the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House that is proposed to be offered from the floor by a member other than the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader, or a Member designated from the floor by the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader at the time of notice pursuant to clause 2(A)(1) of Rule IX, as a question of the privileges of the House shall once noticed pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of Rule IX, have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn only at a time or place designated by the Chair in the legislative schedule within two legislative days after September 10, 1997.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6299 and H6320.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H6407.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 344), four yea-and-nay votes, and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6310–11, H6311–12, H6319–20, H6335, H6342, H6378–79, H6379–80, and H6380.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MONEY SERVICE BUSINESSES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review the Department of the Treasury's Proposed Regulations for Money Service Businesses. Testimony was heard from Stanley Morris, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials concluded hearings on H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CLEAN AIR ACT IMPLEMENTATION— MONTREAL PROTOCOL

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Title VI of the Clean Air Act and the Ninth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Lawrence Dyckman, Associate Director, Environmental Protection Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division; and Ralph Lowry, Senior Evaluator; Rafe Pomerance, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environment and Development, Department of State; Paul Stolpman, Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs, EPA; Keith Pitts, Special Assistant for Pesticide Policy, Office of the Chief, Natural Resources and Conservation Service, USDA; and Murray Lumpkin, M.D., Deputy Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

DAVIS-BACON ACT REVIEW

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing to review the Davis-Bacon Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Charles C. Masten, Inspector General; George S. Werking, Jr., Assistant Commissioner, Office of Establishment Surveys and Administrative Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics; and John R. Fraser, Administrator, Wage and Hour Division; and public witnesses.

EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES— THREAT TO U.S.

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Threat to the United States from Emerging Infectious Diseases. Testimony was heard from Sally Shelton, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Programs, Field Support and Research, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and David Heymann, Director, Division of Emerging and Other Communicable Diseases, World Health Organization.

KENYA'S ELECTION CRISIS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Kenya's Election Crisis. Testimony was heard from Representative Payne; William H. Twaddell, Acting Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of State; Carol Peasley, Acting Assistant Administrator, Africa, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FBI

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime continued oversight hearings on the activities of the FBI, focusing on the Olympic Park bombing and the investigation of Richard Jewell. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Michael Shaheen, Jr., Director, Office of Professional Responsibility; Robert Bryant, Assistant Director and Woody Johnson, Special Agent in Charge, Atlanta Regional Office, both with the FBI; Richard Jewell; and public witnesses.

SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION ACT—IMPACT ON U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption Act, and its impact on U.S. national security. Testimony was heard from William P. Crowell, Deputy Director, National Security Agency, Department of Defense; William Reinsch, Under Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

HOOD BAY LAND EXCHANGE ACT

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 1948, Hood Bay Land Exchange Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Janice H. McDougale, Associate Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—BALANCED BUDGET ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2015, Balanced Budget Act of 1997, and against its consideration and provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides ninety minutes of debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich.

WAIVING CERTAIN ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing ten minutes of debate on a joint resolution waiving certain enrollment requirements with the time equally divided and controlled by the Majority and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule also provides for one motion to commit.

IMPLEMENTING GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Demanding Results: Implementing the Government Performance

and Results Act. Testimony was heard from Susan Kladiva, Acting Associate Director, Energy Resources and Science Issues, GAO; Alan Ladwig, Associate Administrator, Policy and Plans, NASA; Diana H. Josephson, Deputy Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Joe Bordogna, Acting Deputy Director, NSF; and Marc Chupka, Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy.

SBA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2261, Small Business Assistance Programs Reauthorization Amendments Acts of 1997.

AMTRAK REFORM AND PRIVATIZATION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2247, Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act of 1997.

Joint Meetings

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Conferees, on Tuesday, July 29, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS REFORM

Conferees, continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Department of State and related agencies, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings to examine how trade opportunities and international agricultural research can stimulate economic growth in Africa, thereby enhancing African food security and increasing U.S. exports, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 1026, authorizing funds for the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on S. 268, to regulate flights over national parks, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold oversight hearings to examine the organizational structure, staffing, and budget of the Forest Service for the Alaska region, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

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 mark up S. 53, to require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball, and H.R. 1086, to codify without substantive change laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to review annual refugee admissions, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration, business meeting, to consider the status of the investigation into the contested Senate election in Louisiana, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Notice

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1563 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to continue markup of the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 1998, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to markup H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on "Literacy: A Review of Current Federal Programs", 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on "Agency Mistakes in Federal Retirement: Who Pays the Price?", 9:00 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on "FDA Oversight: Blood Safety and the Implications of Pool Sizes in the Manufacture of Plasma Derivatives", 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to consider a motion to request a report by the Immigration and Naturalization Service on a private bill, time to be announced, Rayburn Room, Capitol.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Royalty-In-Kind for Federal oil and gas production, 2:00 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans hearing on H.R. 1787, the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; and to markup the following bills: H.R. 512, New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1856, Volunteers for Wildlife Act of 1997; and H.R. 2233, Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1997, 10:00 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Service Strategic Plan under the Government Performance and Results Act, 10:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to markup the following bills: S. 430, to amend the Act of June 20, 1910, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds; H.R. 1567, to provide for the designation of additional wilderness lands in the eastern United States; H.R. 136, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and to amend the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989 to designate the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center; and

H.R. 708 to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain lands within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the Conference Report on H.R. 2014, Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., H-323 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on S. 417, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and the Conservation Act through September 30, 2002, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation Relations between the U.S. and France, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:15 a.m., Thursday, July 31

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2015, Balanced Budget Act of 1997, with a vote to occur thereon.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 31

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 2014, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (subject to a rule);

Continued consideration of H.R. 2159, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act (open rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 2264, Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (open rule, 1 hour general debate).

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