

filed during this or any subsequent Congress (agreed to by a recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting “no” and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 408);

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The Murtha amendment that requires that all non-members filing complaints must have a Member of the House sponsor the complaint (agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 193 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 409); and

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The Bunning amendment that requires a vote of an actual majority of the investigative subcommittee to expand the scope of the investigation and an actual majority of the members of the full committee to confirm it thereafter (agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 194 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 411).

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Rejected:

The Tauzin amendment that sought to provide for the dismissal without prejudice of a complaint 180 calendar days after a motion to establish an investigative subcommittee does not prevail (rejected by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 236 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 410).

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 230, the rule that provided for consideration of the resolution by a voice vote. Agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 227 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 407.

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**Late Report:** Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for fiscal year 1998.

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**Question of Privilege of the House:** The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 233, relating to question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. By a recorded vote of 289 ayes to 65 noes with 7 voting “present”, Roll No. 415, agreed to the resolution.

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Earlier, rejected the Stearns motion to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 86 ayes to 291 noes with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 414.

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**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of September 22.

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**Meeting Hour—September 22:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, September 22.

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**Meeting Hour September 23:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 on Tuesday, September 23 for morning-hour debate

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, September 24.

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**Donation of Surplus Property to Nonprofit Organizations:** The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 680, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office Memorial Building:** The House passed H.R. 2443, to designate the Federal building located at 601 Fourth Street, N.W., in the District of Columbia, as the “Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office Memorial Building”, in honor of William H. Christian, Jr., Martha Dixon Martinez, Michael J. Miller, Anthony Palmisano, and Edwin R. Woodruffe.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7531.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7535–36, H7536, H7543–44, H7554–55, H7558–59, H7563–64, H7568, H7572, H7572–73, H7573–74, and H7577. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FINANCIAL PRIVACY

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on financial privacy. Testimony was heard from Leslie Byrne, Director and Special Assistant to the President, Office of Consumer Affairs; David Medine, Associate Director, Credit Practices Division, FTC; Dan Greenwood, Deputy General Counsel, Information Technology Division, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1270, amended, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997; H.R. 2472, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; and H.R. 2165, to extend the deadline under

the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project Number 3862 in the State of Iowa.

### CONSOLIDATION LOAN PROCESS SHUTDOWN

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning held a hearing on the Shutdown of the Consolidation Loan Process in the William D. Ford Direct Student Loan Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Marshall Smith, Acting Deputy Secretary; and Thomas Bloom, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

### SWISS HEROIN EXPERIMENTS FAILURE

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Needle Exchange, Legalization, and the Failure of the Swiss Heroin Experiments. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### U.S. POLICY TOWARD NIGERIA

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on United States Policy Toward Nigeria. Testimony was heard from Representative Jefferson; Johnnie Carson, Acting Assistant Secretary, Africa, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### FREEDOM FROM RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION ACT

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2431, Freedom From Religious Persecution Act of 1997.

### FIRST AMENDMENT AND RESTRICTIONS ON ISSUE ADVOCACY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing regarding the First Amendment and Restrictions on Issue Advocacy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—CRIMINAL ASSET FORFEITURE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on Criminal Asset Forfeiture. Testimony was heard from Jan P. Blanton, Director, Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture, Department of the Treasury; Stefan D. Cassella, Assistant Chief, Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources concluded oversight hearings on Royalty-In-Kind for Federal oil and gas production (Part II). Testimony was heard from Robert Brown, Associate Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—U.S. CANADA PACIFIC SALMON TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on U.S.-Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiations. Testimony was heard from James Pipkin, U.S. Special Negotiator for Pacific Salmon; Mary Beth West, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans, Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science, Department of State; David Benton, Commissioner, Pacific Salmon Treaty, State of Alaska; and public witnesses.

### GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTIONS

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 151, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should manage its public domain national forests to maximize the reduction of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere among many other objectives and that the United States should serve as an example and as a world leader in actively managing its public domain national forests in a manner that substantially reduces the amount of carbon dioxide added to the atmosphere. Testimony was heard from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

### CONFERENCE REPORT—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany 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, and against its consideration. The rule also provides that upon adoption of the resolution the House shall be considered to have adopted the concurrent resolution specified in section 3 of the resolution. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skeen and Kaptur.

### MIR SAFETY

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on MIR Safety. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NASA: Roberta L. Gross, Inspector General; and

Frank Culbertson, Manager, Phase I Program, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center; Marcia S. Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunications Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS— STRATEGIC PLAN

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs strategic plan required by the Government Performance and Results Act. Testimony was heard from Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Associate Director, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; Dennis Duffy, Assistant Secretary, Policy and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles Cragin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Reserve Affairs); Gary Christopherson, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Health Affairs); and Lt. Gen. Norman Lezy, USAF, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Military Personnel Policy); Al Borrego, Assistant Secretary-Designate, Veterans' Employment and Training Services, Department of Labor; Dennis W. Snook, Specialist, Social Legislation, Education and Public Welfare Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and representatives of veterans' organizations.

#### CHILD SUPPORT INCENTIVES LEGISLATION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2487, Child Support Incentive Act of 1997.

#### FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

*Conferees* met to continue to resolve the differences between the Senate and House-passed versions of

H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

#### RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE IN EUROPE

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* Commission concluded hearings to examine religious intolerance in participating States of the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe, focusing on government actions and policies inhibiting and restricting the profession and practice of religions or beliefs, and related measures, after receiving testimony from Ekaterina Smyslova, Institute of Religion and Law, Moscow, Russia; Rev. Drew Christiansen, United States Catholic Conference, Washington, D.C.; George Papaioannou, Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America; James M. McCabe, San Diego, California, on behalf of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania; W. Cole Durham, Jr., Brigham Young University School of Law, Provo, Utah, on behalf of the International Academy of Freedom of Religion and Belief; Shimon Samuels, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Paris, France; Laila Al-Marayati, Muslim Women's League, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the Department of State Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad; Steven V. Selthoffer, Evangelical Christian Church, and Terry D. Jones, Christliche Gemeinde Koln, both of Cologne, Germany; and John Travolta, Chick Corea, and Issac Hayes, all of Hollywood, California, all on behalf of the Church of Scientology.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

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

##### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.