

the House agreed to H. Res. 250 electing Representatives Sabo, Pastor, Fattah, and Lofgren to the same committee.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8057.

**Amendments:** Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H8161.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8096–97, H8101, H8101–02, H8102–03, and H8113–14. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

### MEDICARE WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Medicare Waste, Fraud, and Abuse. Testimony was heard from Joel Willemsen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: George M. Reeb, Assistant Inspector General, Health Care Financing Audits, Office of the Inspector General; and Bruce Fried, Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration.

### FREEDOM FROM GOVERNMENT COMPETITION ACT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 716, Freedom from Government Competition Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senator Thomas; Ed DeSeve, Acting Deputy Director, Management, OMB; L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO; Steve Goldsmith, Mayor, Indianapolis, Indiana; Shirley Ybarra, Deputy Secretary, Transportation, State of Virginia; and a public witness.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 2232, Radio Free Asia Act of 1997; and H.R. 2358, Political Freedom in China Act of 1997.

The Committee failed to approve H.R. 967, to prohibit the use of United States funds to provide

for the participation of certain Chinese officials in international conferences, programs, and activities and to provide that certain Chinese officials shall be ineligible to receive visas and be excluded from admission to the United States.

### EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 1370, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. The rule provides for consideration of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and waives points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of Rule XVI (relating to germaneness). The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides that each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule grants authority to the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone recorded votes and reduce voting time to 5 minutes provided that the first vote in a series is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Leach and Representatives Castle, LaFalce, and Vento.

### NATIONAL MONUMENT FAIRNESS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 1127, National Monument Fairness Act of 1997, providing one hour of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule makes in order the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read. The rule provides for the consideration of the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, which shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent,

shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hansen, Boehlert, Hostettler, and Vento.

#### DORNAN V. SANCHEZ—CONTESTED ELECTION

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 6 to 3, a closed rule on H. Res. 244, demanding that the Office of the United States Attorney for the Central District of California file criminal charges against Hermandad Mexicana Nacional for failure to comply with a valid subpoena under the Federal Contested Elections Act, providing one hour of debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Oversight. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions and on which the previous question shall be considered as ordered. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thomas and Representatives Ehlers, Gejdenson, Hoyer, DeLauro, Furse, and Becerra.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT—ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and against its consideration. The rule also provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives McDade and Fazio.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* to hold hearings on the nominations of Laura S. Unger, of New York, and Paul R. Carey, of New York, each to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Dennis Dollar, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Edward M. Gramlich, of Virginia, and Roger Walton Ferguson, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Ellen Seidman,

of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* to hold hearings on the nominations of Michael K. Powell, of Virginia, Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth, of the District of Columbia, and Gloria Tristani, of New Mexico, each to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's request for fast-track trade negotiation authority, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* to hold oversight hearings on the impacts of a new climate treaty on U.S. labor, electricity supply, manufacturing, and the general economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* business meeting, to mark up S. 1180, to authorize funds for programs of the Endangered Species Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* to resume 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, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights,* to hold hearings to examine unconstitutional set-asides, focusing on ISTEAs race-based set-asides after the Supreme Court case "Adarand", 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Raymond C. Fisher, of California, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Ronald Lee Gilman, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Richard Conway Casey, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, James S. Gwin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Dale A. Kimball, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Algenon L. Marbley, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, and Charles J. Siragusa, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, 3 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* to resume hearings to examine the scope and depth 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, 10 a.m., SD-430.

#### NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1890-91 in today's Record.

#### House

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing to review OPM's Report on Improper Hiring Practices at the National Credit Union Administration, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.