

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House committees ordered reported 12 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10449–S10499

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1260–1266. **Pages S10474–75**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1159, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Kake Tribal Corporation public interest land exchange, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–100)

S. 1266, to interpret the term “kidnapping” in extradition treaties to which the United States is a party. (S. Rept. No. 105–101) **Page S10474**

Campaign Finance Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 25, to reform the financing of Federal elections, as modified, with the following amendments pending thereto: **Pages S10466–67**

Pending:

Lott Amendment No. 1258, to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary. **Page S10466**

Lott Amendment No. 1259 (to Amendment No. 1258), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10466**

Lott Amendment No. 1260 (to Amendment No. 1258), to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary. **Page S10466**

Lott Amendment No. 1261, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10466**

Lott Amendment No. 1262 (to Amendment No. 1261), to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary. **Page S10466**

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Rules and Administration with instructions to report back forthwith, with an amendment. **Page S10466**

Lott Amendment No. 1263 (to instructions of motion to recommit), to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary. **Page S10466**

Lott Amendment No. 1264 (to Amendment No. 1263), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10466**

Lott Amendment No. 1265 (to Amendment No. 1264), to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary. **Page S10466**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 266), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on Lott Amendment No. 1258, listed above. **Page S10466**

Subsequently, a second motion was entered to close further debate on Lott Amendment No. 1258 and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, October 9, 1997. **Page S10466**

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 267), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on the bill. **Page S10466–67**

A third motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Thursday, October 9, 1997. **Page S10466**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, October 8, 1997, with a vote on the second motion to close further debate on the bill to occur thereon.

District of Columbia Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1156, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 269), Mack/Graham/Kennedy Modified Amendment No. 1253 (to

Amendment No. 1252), in the nature of a substitute. Page S10474

Pending:

Coats Modified Amendment No. 1249, to provide scholarship assistance for District of Columbia elementary and secondary school students. Page S10474

Graham/Mack/Kennedy Amendment No. 1252, to provide relief to certain aliens who would otherwise be subject to removal from the United States. Page S10474

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 268), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on Mack Modified Amendment No. 1253, listed above. Page S10473

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine Corps. Pages S10491–99

Messages From the House: Page S10474

Measures Referred: Page S10474

Statements on Introduced Bills: Pages S10475–84

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S10484–85

Amendments Submitted: Pages S10485–86

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Additional Statements: Pages S10487–91

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—269) Pages S10466–67, S10473–74

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:08 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Wednesday, October 8, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10491.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Sally Thompson, of Kansas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture, and Joseph B. Dial, of Texas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Thompson was introduced by Senator Roberts, and Mr. Dial was introduced by Senator Gramm.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Terry D. Garcia, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Raymond G. Kammer, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, both of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Garcia was introduced by Senator Boxer and Mr. Kammer was introduced by Representative Morella.

WATER AND POWER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings on the following bills:

H.R. 848, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York, H.R. 1184, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek hydroelectric project in the State of Washington, and H.R. 1217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, after receiving testimony from Kristina Nygaard, Assistant General Council, Hydroelectric Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;

S. 725, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Collbran Reclamation Project to the Ute Water Conservancy District and the Collbran Conservancy District in Colorado, after receiving testimony from Kristina Nygaard (listed above); Larry Clever, on behalf of the Ute Water Conservancy District and the Collbran Conservancy District, and Kathryn Hall, both of Grand Junction, Colorado; Rex Weimer, Collbran, Colorado; and Bruce C. Driver, Boulder, Colorado;

S. 1230, to provide for Federal cooperation in non-Federal reclamation projects and for participation by non-Federal agencies in Federal projects, after receiving testimony from Larry Libeu, San Jacinto, California, on behalf of the National Water Resources Association, the Eastern Municipal Water District, and the Western Coalition of Arid States;

S. 841, to authorize construction of the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System in the State of Montana, after receiving testimony from Caleb Shields, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Poplar, Montana; and

S. 777, to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for planning and construction of the water supply system, after receiving testimony from Senator Harkin; Representative

Thune; Mayor William Weber, Luverne, Minnesota; Mayor Herman Otten, Tea, South Dakota; Randy Van Dyke, Clay County Rural Water System, Spencer, Iowa; and Pamela A. Bonrud, Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Testimony was also received on S. 725, S. 777, S. 841 and S. 1230 (all listed above), from Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy and Subcommittee on Health Care concluded joint hearings with the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs' Subcommittee on Securities to examine investment based alternatives to the current pay-as-you-go method of financing Social Security and Medicare, receiving testimony from Thomas R. Saving, Private Enterprise Research Center/Texas A&M University, College Station; and Martin Feldstein, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the strategic rationale for the admission of the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland to NATO, after receiving testimony from Madeline Albright, Secretary of State.

TAX TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the Taxation Convention with Austria (Treaty Doc. 104-31), Tax Convention with Ireland (Treaty Doc. 105-31), Taxation Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 104-33), Tax Convention with South Africa (Treaty Doc. 105-9), Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 105-8), Taxation Convention with Thailand (Treaty Doc. 105-2), Taxation Agreement with Turkey (Treaty Doc. 104-30), and the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Canada (Treaty Doc. 105-29), after receiving testimony from Kenneth J. Kies, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; Joseph H. Guttentag, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Tax; and Robert N. Mattson, IBM, White Plains, New York, on behalf of the National Foreign Trade Council and the U.S. Council for International Business.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on

campaign financing, receiving testimony from Harold M. Ickes, former Deputy Chief of Staff to the President.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings on proposals to establish a uniform and more efficient Federal process for protecting property owners' rights guaranteed by the fifth amendment, including related measures S. 781, S. 1204, and provisions of H.R. 1534 and H.R. 992, receiving testimony from Mayor Hal Daub, Omaha, Nebraska; Mayor Larry Curtis, Ames, Iowa; Jeff Garvin, Garvin & Tripp, Fort Myers, Florida; Nancie G. Marzulla, Defenders of Property Rights, Washington, D.C.; John J. Delaney, Linowes and Blocher, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Charles N. Jeffress, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Faircloth and Representative Ballenger, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 987, to authorize a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans and to revise and improve certain veterans compensation, pension, and memorial affairs programs, with amendments;

S. 714, to make permanent the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with amendments;

S. 986, to make certain improvements in the housing loan programs for veterans and eligible persons, with amendments;

An original bill to establish a VA medicare reimbursement demonstration project. (As approved by the committee, the bill incorporates Title III of S. 986, listed above.);

S. 309, to prohibit the establishment or collection of parking fees by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs at any parking facility connected with a Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility operated under a health-care resources sharing agreement with the Department of Defense;

S. 464, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error;

S. 623, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, with amendments;

S. 730, to make retroactive the entitlement of certain Medal of Honor recipients to the special pension provided for persons entered and recorded on the

Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of Honor Roll, with amendments;

S. 801, to provide for improved and expedited procedures for resolving complaints of unlawful employment discrimination arising within the Department of Veterans Affairs, with amendments; and

S. 999, to specify the frequency of screening mammograms provided to women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 2621–2633; 1 private bill, H.R. 2634; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 168, were introduced. Pages H8632–33

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1411, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to facilitate the development and approval of new drugs and biological products (H. Rept. 105–310);

H. Res. 261, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (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 (H. Rept. 105–311);

H. Res. 262, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions (H. Rept. 105–312); and

Conference report on H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (H. Rept. 105–313).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Jay Scribner of Branson, Missouri. Page H8449

Recess: The House recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. Page H8449

Private Calendar: On the call of the private Calendar, the House passed the following bills: H.R. 1211, amended; H.R. 998; and H.R. 1313.

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Suspension—Drug and Biological Products Modernization Act: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1411, amended, to amend the

Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to facilitate the development and approval of new drugs and biological products. Agreed to amend the title. Pages H8455–82

Subsequently, S. 830, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the text of H.R. 1411, as passed the House. Agreed to amend the title; and H.R. 1411 was laid on the table. Pages H8482–H8500

National Monument Fairness Act: By a yea and nay vote of 229 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 495, the House passed H.R. 1127, to amend the Antiquities Act to require an Act of Congress and the concurrence of the Governor and State legislature for the establishment by the President of national monuments in excess of 5,000 acres. Agreed to amend the title. Pages H8500–02

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page H8502

Agreed To:

The Hansen amendment in the nature of a substitute that requires that a proclamation of the President resulting in excess of 50,000 acres in a single State may not be issued until 30 days after the President has solicited written comments from the State's Governor and such proclamation shall cease to be effective 2 years after issuance unless the Congress has approved it by joint resolution (agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 202 noes, Roll No. 494). Pages H8501–02

Rejected:

The Vento amendment that sought to provide a one year delay from the time the President announces a designation under the Antiquities Act to when that designation would actually take effect (rejected by a recorded vote of 201 yeas to 224 noes, Roll No. 493). Pages H8500–01

The House agreed to H. Res. 256, as amended, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill on October 1. Pages H8398–H8413

Foreign Operations Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees: By a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 194 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 496, agreed to the Largent motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2159, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, to insist upon the provisions contained in section 581 of the House bill (relating to restrictions on assistance to foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortions). Pages H8502–12

Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact: By a yea and nay vote of 309 yeas to 107 nays, Roll No. 497, the House passed H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact. Pages H8516–37

Agreed To:

The Doggett amendment that grants consent to compact only for so long as no low-level radioactive waste is brought into Texas from any State other than Maine or Vermont. Pages H8528–32

Rejected:

The Kucinich amendment that sought to specify that no nuclear waste shall be transported through any incorporated area with a population in excess of 25,000 persons. Pages H8532–36

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 258, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. Pages H8512–16

Order of Business—Suspensions: Agreed that the Speaker be authorized to designate a time not later than October 31 for resumption of proceedings on the seven remaining motions to suspend the rules originally debated on September 29. Page H8538

Order of Business—American Land Sovereignty Protection Act: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order on Tuesday, October 7, or any day thereafter, for the Speaker, as though pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of H.R. 901, and that consideration of the bill proceed according to the following order: (1) The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. (2) General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. (3) After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. (4) It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill. The committee

amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. (5) No amendment shall be in order except the amendments printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 2, 27, 5, and 51 pursuant to clause 6 of rule XXIII; one amendment by Representative Miller of California or his designee regarding striking Section 4(b); and one amendment by Representative Miller of California or his designee regarding specific Biosphere Reserves. (6) Each amendment may be offered only in the order specified in section (5) of this order and may be offered only by the Member who caused the amendments specified in section (5) to be printed in the Congressional Record, or their designees, or a Member otherwise designated in paragraph (5). (7) Each amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 30 minutes 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 division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments specified in this order are waived. (8) The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (A) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (B) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. (9) At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. (10) The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions. (11) House Resolutions 243 and 257 are laid on the table. (12) The reading of the Miller of California amendments shall be dispensed with.

Pages H8537–38

American Land Sovereignty Protection Act: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 901, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands. Pages H8538–66

Rejected:

The Brown of California amendment that sought to specify conditions under which lands may be nominated for designation as a United States Biosphere Reserve under the Man and the Biosphere Program of the U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Pages H8549–51

The Vento amendment that sought to exempt sites nominated under the Convention on wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat, popularly known as the Ramsar Convention, (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 498);

Pages H8551–56

Pending:

The Farr amendment was offered that sought to exempt the California Coastal Ranges Biosphere Reserve;

Pages H8556–60

The Vento amendment was offered that sought to expand the prohibition of lands to be designated to include commercial use under international agreements; and

Pages H8560–63

The Miller of California amendment was offered that sought to strike Section 403 (b) relating to lands designated as a Biosphere Reserve under the Man and the Biosphere Program of the U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization on or before the date of enactment.

Pages H8563–66

Late Report—Transportation Appropriations Conference Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8441.

Referrals: S. 750, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management, and S. 590, Miles Land Exchange Act of 1997, were referred to the Committee on Resources.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8500–01, H8501–02, H8502, H8511–12, H8536–37, and H8555–56. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREST RECOVERY AND PROTECTION ACT REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on the Review of the Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

SUBPOENAS—INVALIDATED TEAMSTER ELECTION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Approved a motion to authorize the issuance of subpoenas for testimony in hearings on the Invalidated 1996 Teamster Election.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 282, to designate the U.S. Post Office building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, NY, as the “Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building”; H.R. 681, to designate the U.S. Post Office building located at 313 East Broadway in Glendale, CA, as the “Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Building”; H.R. 2013, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 551 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown, RI, as the “David B. Champagne Post Office Building”; H.R. 2129, to designate the U.S. Post Office located at 150 North 3d Street in Steubenville, OH, as the “Douglas Applegate Post Office”; H.R. 2564, to designate the United States Post Office located at 450 North Centre Street in Pottsville, PA, as the “Peter J. McCloskey Postal Facility”; and H.R. 2610, amended, National Narcotics Leadership Act Amendments of 1997.

U.S.-CHINA NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Implementation of the U.S.-China Nuclear Cooperation Agreement: Whose Interests Are Served? Testimony was heard from Ken Adelman, former Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1085, amended, to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36, United States Code, “Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations”; H.R. 2578, to amend the Immigration and Nationality

Act to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of non-immigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General; H.R. 1534, amended, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1997; H.R. 992, amended, Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act of 1997; H.R. 1967, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide that the distribution before January 1, 1978, of a phonorecord shall not for any purpose constitute a publication of the musical work embodied therein; and H.R. 2265, amended, No Electronic Theft (NET) Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forest and Forest Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1739, BWCAW Accessibility and Fairness Act of 1997; H.R. 1309, to provide for an exchange of lands with the city of Greeley, Co., and The Water Supply and Storage Company to eliminate private inholdings in wilderness areas; and H.R. 434, amended, to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2136, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey, at fair market value, certain properties in Clark County, Nevada, to persons who purchased adjacent properties in good faith reliance on land surveys that were subsequently determined to be inaccurate; H.R. 1714, to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site; H.R. 2283, amended, Arches National Park Expansion Act of 1997; H.R. 755, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to designate any portion of their income tax overpayments, and to make other contributions, for the benefit of units of the National Park System; S. 423, to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason; and S. 731, to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the following bills: S. 423; S. 731; and H.R. 2313, to prohibit the construction of any monument, memorial, or other structure at the site of the Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington, VA. Testimony was heard from Representative Solomon; John

G. Parsons, Chairman, National Capital Memorial Commission, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Robert A. Gaines, member, National Capital Planning Commission; J. Carter Brown, Chairman, Commission of Fine Arts; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the Conference Report to accompany 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 against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of California and Stokes.

PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT—SENATE AMENDMENTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for a motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the House to H.R. 1122, Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1997. The rule provides 1 hour of debate on the motion equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canady of Florida, Conyers, Scott, Hoyer, Lowey and Edwards.

COUNTDOWN TO KYOTO

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Countdown to Kyoto Part I: The Science of the Global Climate Change Agreement. Testimony was heard from Roy W. Spencer, Senior Scientist for Climate Studies, Marshall Space Flight Center, Global Hydrology and Climate Center, NASA; Aristides A. Patrinos, Associate Director, of Energy Research and Director, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—CASPIAN SEA OIL FIELD/PIPELINE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a briefing on the Caspian Sea Oil Field/Pipeline. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1057)

H.R. 111, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, California, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-49)

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. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-50)

H.R. 2248, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-51)

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. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-52)

S. 996, to provide for the authorization of appropriations in each fiscal year for arbitration in United States district courts. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-53)

S. 1198, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the special immigrant religious worker program, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to extend the deadline for designation of an effective date for paperwork changes in the employer sanctions program, and to require the Secretary of State to waive or reduce the fee for application and issuance of a nonimmigrant visa for aliens coming to the United States for certain charitable purposes. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-54)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to food safety, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, business meeting, to consider 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, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on the nominations of John Arthur Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, James E. Hall, of Tennessee, and George W. Black Jr., of Georgia, each to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on S. 1195, to promote the adoption of children in foster care, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings to examine proliferation threats through the year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider the International Telecommunication Union Constitution and Convention (Treaty Doc. 104-34), Protocol Amending the 1916 Convention with Canada for the Protection of Migratory Birds (Treaty Doc. 104-28), Protocol Amending the Convention with Mexico for the Protection of Migratory Birds and Game Mammals (Treaty Doc. 105-26), Maritime Boundaries Treaty with Mexico (Ex. F, 96-1), and pending nominations, 2:15 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, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine issues with regard to competition in the cable and video markets, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on the nomination of David Satcher, of Tennessee, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services and Medical Director and Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold hearings on the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies, focusing on the proposed Indian provision, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

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Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on Current and Future Bank Examination and Supervision Systems, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on long-term budget problems relating to the retirement of the baby boomers; and to consider pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to markup H.R. 1625, Worker Paycheck Fairness Act, 11:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, hearing regarding "Campaign Finance Improprieties and Possible Violations of Law", 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on "FEHB Rate Hikes—What's Behind Them?" 8:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Oversight of GSA's Government Performance and Results Act Strategic Plan, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, to markup H. Res. 245, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of a free and fair referendum on self-determination for the people of Western Sahara; followed by a hearing on Africa Crisis Response Initiative, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on an Overview of U.S. Policy toward South America and the President's Upcoming Trip to the Region, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following bills: H.R. 1270, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982; and H.R. 2493, Forage Improvement Act of 1997, 11:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2607, making appropriations for the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 3 p.m., H-3113 Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on Science, Math, Engineering and Technology—Third International Math and Science Study, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing with Focus on Women Business Enterprises, 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds, hearing on the fiscal year 1998 GSA Leasing Program and General GSA Leasing Policy, 1 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the prevention of adverse events in the provision of VA medical care, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to markup the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Authorities Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

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10 a.m., Wednesday, October 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 25, Campaign Finance Reform, with a cloture vote on the bill to occur thereon.

Senate may consider a motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1173, ISTEPA legislation, and also resume consideration of S. 1156, D.C. Appropriations, 1998.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate amendments to H.R. 1122, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act (rule providing for a motion to concur in the Senate amendments, 1 hour of debate);

Complete consideration of H.R. 901, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act (vote on amendments to and final passage);

Consideration of Conference report on H.R. 2158, VA, HUD Appropriations Act (rule waiving points of order); and

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