

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1122, Partial Birth Abortion Ban—clearing the measure for the President.

House passed H.R. 901, American Land Sovereignty Act.

House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2158, VA, HUD Appropriations Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10501–S10717*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1267–1277. **Page S10631**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. 1269, to establish objectives for negotiating and procedures for implementing certain trade agreements. (S. Rept. No. 105–102)

S. 1271, to reauthorize the mass transit programs of the Federal Government, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 105–103)

S. Res. 112, condemning the most recent outbreak of violence in the Republic of Congo and recognizing the threat such violence poses to the prospects for a stable democratic form of government in that country.

S. Con. Res. 37, expressing the sense of the Congress that Little League Baseball Incorporated was established to support and develop Little League baseball worldwide and should be entitled to all of the benefits and privileges available to nongovernmental international organizations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10625**

**Campaign Finance Reform—Cloture Vote:** By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 270), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on S. 25, to reform the financing of Federal elections. **Pages S10501–22**

A third cloture vote is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 1997.

**ISTEA Authorization:** Senate began consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amend-

ment (the modification being a substitute for the text of the bill), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S10522–S10622**

Adopted:

Chafee Amendment No. 1310, to prohibit the use of proceed from the issuance by any State or local government of tax-exempt bonds for any project financing, prepayments, or repayments under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 1997. **Page S10621**

Chafee Amendment No. 1311, to modify the exclusion from the general obligation limitations for the minimum guarantee program. **Page S10621**

Pending:

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1312, to provide for a continuing designation of a metropolitan planning organization. **Page S10621**

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1313 (to language proposed to be stricken by the committee amendment, as modified), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S10621–22**

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1314 (to Amendment No. 1313), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10622**

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions. **Page S10622**

Lott Amendment No. 1317 (to instructions of the motion to recommit), to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs. **Page S10622**

Lott Amendment No. 1318 (to Amendment No. 1317), to strike the limitation on obligations for administrative expenses. **Page S10622**

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

By 94 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 271), Senate agreed to a motion to request the attendance of absent Senators. Page S10622

**Motion to Adjourn:** By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 272), Senate agreed to a motion to adjourn. Page S10716

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

Garr M. King, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Norman K. Moon, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

James Hudson Bailey, of Wisconsin, to be Deputy Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Christopher C. Ashby, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

James A. Larocco, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait.

Mark Erwin, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 1999.

Phyllis E. Oakley, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Betty Eileen King, of Maryland, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Stanford G. Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2002.

Michael B. Thornton, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years after he takes office, vice Labpley Walker Hambley, Jr., retired.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—272) Pages S10522, S10622, S10716

**Quorum Calls:** Two quorum calls were taken today. (Total—5) Pages S10622, S10716

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m. and, by 54 yeas to 45 nays, agreed to adjourn at 6:05 p.m., until 12 noon, on Thursday, October 9, 1997.

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### FOOD SAFETY

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings on proposals to provide for improved public health and food safety through enhanced enforcement by requiring processors and handlers to notify the Department of Agriculture of the existence of contaminated meat and poultry products, to provide the Department the authority to require a mandatory recall of these products and to levy civil penalties for violations of meat and poultry safety rules, including a related measure S. 1264, after receiving testimony from Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Carol Tucker Foreman, Foreman Heidepriem & Mager, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Safe Food Coalition, former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Food and Consumer Services; Michael T. Osterholm, Minnesota Department of Health, Minneapolis; Nancy Donley, Safe Tables Our Priority, Brooklyn, New York; Alan Janzen, Circle Five Feed Yard, Henderson, Nebraska, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; and Gary Jay Kushner, Hogan & Hartson, Washington, D.C., Greg Page, Cargill Incorporated, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Mike Doyle, University of Georgia, Athens, all on behalf of the American Meat Institute, Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., National Broiler Council, National Food Processors Association, and the National Turkey Federation.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth, of the District of Columbia, William E. Kennard, of California, Michael K. Powell, of Virginia, and Gloria Tristani, of New Mexico, each to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, and George W. Black Jr., of Georgia, John Arthur Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, and James E. Hall, of Tennessee, each to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board;

S. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel registered as State of Oregon official number OR 766 YE;

H.R. 1658, to authorize funds for and amend programs of the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and related laws, with amendments;

S. 1231, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the United States Fire Administration; and

S. 1259, to authorize funds for the United States Coast Guard, with amendments. (As approved by the Committee, the bill authorizes \$3,830,696,000 for fiscal year 1998 and \$3,860,568,000 for fiscal year 1999.)

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nominations of James E. Hall, George W. Black, Jr., and John A. Hammerschmidt (all listed above), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Hammerschmidt was introduced by Senator Hutchinson, and Mr. Hall was introduced by Representative Wamp.

**PASS ACT**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings on S. 1195, to promote the adoption, safety, and support of abused and neglected children, receiving testimony from Senators Craig, DeWine, Landrieu, and Levin; Representatives Camp and Kennelly; Judge David E. Grossman, Hamilton County Juvenile Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Joe Leean, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Madison; Valora Washington, Families for Kids Initiative/W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Michigan; Robert M. Guttman, Washington, D.C.; and Faith S. Loney, Southfield, Michigan.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

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

International Telecommunication Union Constitution and Convention (Treaty Doc. 104-34), with 2 understandings, 2 declarations, and 1 proviso;

Protocol Amending the 1916 Convention with Canada for the Protection of Migratory Birds (Treaty Doc. 104-28), with 1 understanding, 1 declaration, and 1 proviso;

Protocol Amending the Convention with Mexico for the Protection of Migratory Birds and Game Mammals (Treaty Doc. 105-26), with 1 understanding, 1 declaration, and 1 proviso;

Maritime Boundaries Treaty with Mexico (Ex. F, 96th Cong., 1st Sess.), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Bilateral Tax Treaty with Austria (Treaty Doc. 104-31), with 1 understanding, 2 declarations, and 1 proviso;

Bilateral Tax Treaty with Ireland (Treaty Doc. 105-31), with 1 understanding, 2 declarations, and 1 proviso;

Bilateral Tax Treaty with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 104-33), with 1 reservation, 2 declarations, and 1 proviso;

Bilateral Tax Treaty with South Africa (Treaty Doc. 105-9), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Bilateral Tax Treaty with Switzerland (Treaty Doc. 105-8), with 2 declarations and 1 proviso;

Bilateral Tax Treaty with Thailand (Treaty Doc. 105-2), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Bilateral Tax Treaty with Turkey (Treaty Doc. 104-30), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Bilateral Tax Protocol with Canada (Treaty Doc. 105-29), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

The nominations of Thomas S. Foley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Japan, Alphonse F. La Porta, of New York, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, Stephen W. Bosworth, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Wyche Fowler Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Martin S. Indyk, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs;

S. Res. 112, condemning the most recent outbreak of violence in the Republic of Congo and recognizing the threat such violence poses to the prospects for a stable democratic form of government in that country; and

S. Con. Res. 37, expressing the sense of the Congress that Little League Baseball Incorporated was established to support and develop Little League baseball worldwide and should be entitled to all of the benefits and privileges available to nongovernmental international organizations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee began consideration of S.Con.Res. 48, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding

proliferation of missile technology from Russia to Iran, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

#### NATIONAL SECURITY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held hearings to examine the current and future threat of nuclear proliferation posed by China and Russian missile proliferation, receiving testimony from Paul Wolfowitz, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies/Johns Hopkins University, James R. Lilley, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Bates Gill, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California; and Gary Milhollin, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, on behalf of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### 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 further testimony from Harold M. Ickes, former Deputy Chief of Staff to the President.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### CABLE TELEVISION AND VIDEO INDUSTRY REFORM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition held oversight hearings on the implementation of the Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act (P.L. 104-104), focusing on antitrust and competition issues raised by the deregulation of the cable and video marketplace, receiving testimony from Deborah L. Lenart, Ameritech New Media, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; Leo J. Hindery, Jr., Tele-Communications, Inc., Decker Anstrom, National Cable Television Association, and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, all of Washington, D.C.; and Eddy Hartenstein, DIRECTV, Inc., El Segundo, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of David Satcher, of Tennessee, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health and to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Frist, Shelby, and Sessions, and Representative Clement.

#### GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee held 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, focusing on those provisions affecting Indian tribes, receiving testimony from Colorado State Attorney General Gale A. Norton, Denver; Washington State Attorney General Christine Gregoire, Olympia; W. Craig Vanderwagen, Director, Division of Clinical and Preventive Health, Office of Public Health, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Jack Chambers, Jr., Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Suttons Bay, Michigan; Doran Morris, Omaha Tribal Council, Macy, Nebraska; Alexander Tallchief Skibine, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; and Franklin Ducheneaux, Ducheneaux, Taylor & Associates, and Mary J. Pavel, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse & Endreson, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### NOMINATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Lt. Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 8 public bills, H.R. 2635-2642; 1 private bill, H.R. 2643; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 169, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 263, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2169) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105-314);

H. Res. 264, providing for consideration of H.R. 2607, 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 (H. Rept. 105-315); and

H.R. 1849, to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System, to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust, amended (H. Rept. 105-316). **Pages H8726-27**

**Partial-Birth Abortion Ban:** By a yea and nay vote of 296 yeas to 132 nays, Roll No. 500, the House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H8649-63**

Agreed to H. Res. 262, the rule that provided for consideration of the Senate amendments by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 280 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 499. **Pages H8640-49**

**American Land Sovereignty Protection Act:** By a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 191 noes, Roll No. 504, the House passed 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. The House completed debate and considered amendments to the bill on October 7. **Pages H8663-65**

Rejected:

The Farr amendment that sought to exempt the California Coastal Ranges Biosphere Reserve (rejected by a recorded vote of 200 yeas to 226 noes, Roll No. 501); **Pages H8663-64**

The Vento amendment that sought to expand the prohibition of lands to be designated to include commercial use under international agreements (rejected by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 182 noes, Roll No. 502); and **Page H8664**

The Miller of California amendment 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 (rejected by a recorded vote of 199 yeas to 227 noes, Roll No. 503). **Pages H8664-65**

The bill was considered pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, October 7. **Pages H8537-38**

**VA, HUD Appropriations Conference Report:** By a yea and nay vote of 405 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 505, the House agreed to the conference report on 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. **Pages H8669-86**

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 261, the rule that waived points of order against consideration of the conference report. **Pages H8666-69**

**Foreign Operations Authorizations—Motion to Instruct:** By a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 506, agreed to the Callahan motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, to insist upon the provisions contained in title XXI of the House bill (relating to United States policy with respect to forced abortion and foreign organizations that perform or promote abortion). **Pages H8686-91**

**District Work Period:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 169, providing for an adjournment of the two Houses. **Page H8691**

**Meeting Hour—October 9:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 9. **Page H8700**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8648-49, H8662-63, H8663-64, H8664, H8664-65, H8665-66, H8686, and H8690-91. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **BANK EXAMINATION AND SUPERVISION SYSTEMS**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on Current and Future Bank Examination and Supervision Systems. Testimony was heard from Tom McCool, Director, Financial Institutions and Market Issues Division, GAO; Susan Phillips, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Eugene Ludwig, Comptroller of the Currency; and Nicholas Retsinas, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Andrew C. Hove, Jr., Acting Chairman, FDIC; Lori A. Richards, Director, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations, SEC; Kathryn Gighlieri, Commissioner of Banking, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

**LONG-TERM BUDGET PROBLEMS**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on long-term budget problems relating to the retirement of the baby boomers. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

**WORKER PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 1625, Worker Paycheck Fairness Act.

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE IMPROPRIETIES AND POSSIBLE LAW VIOLATIONS**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Began discussions regarding "Campaign Finance Improprieties and Possible Violations of Law".

**FEHB RATE HIKES—WHAT'S BEHIND THEM?**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on "FEHB Rate Hikes—What's Behind Them?" Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn, III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Services, OPM; Joseph A. Antos, Assistant Director, Health and Human Resources, CBO; and a public witness.

**OVERSIGHT—GSA'S GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS STRATEGIC PLAN**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Oversight of GSA's Government Performance and Results Act Strategic Plan. Testimony was heard from Dennis J. Fischer, Chief Financial Officer, GSA.

**FREE AND FAIR REFERENDUM—PEOPLE OF WESTERN SAHARA**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee amended 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.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Africa Crisis Response Initiative. Testimony was heard from Marshall McCallie, Special Coordinator/ACRI, Bureau for Africa, Department of State; Vincent D. Kern, II, Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

**U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AMERICA**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on an Overview of U.S. Policy toward South America and the President's Upcoming Trip to the Region. Testi-

mony was heard from Ambassador Jeffrey Davidow, Assistant Secretary, Inter-American Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 2493, Forage Improvement Act of 1997.

The Committee also unfavorably reported H.R. 1270, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 2607, District of Columbia Appropriations, Medical Liability Reform, and Education Reform Act of 1998, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part 1 of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) of rule XXI. The rule provides for consideration of only those amendments printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report, which may only be offered by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified and shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone recorded votes and reduce to five minutes the voting time on any postponed question, provided that the voting time of the first in any series of questions is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor of North Carolina, Horn, Moran of Virginia, Sabo, Dixon, Hoyer, Meek of Florida, Norton and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

**CONFERENCE REPORT—TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2169, Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 1998, and against its consideration. The rule

provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf, Obey and Sabo.

### THIRD INTERNATIONAL MATH AND SCIENCE STUDY

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on Science, Math, Engineering and Technology-Third International Math and Science Study. Testimony was heard from Rodger W. Bybee, National Academy of Science; and public witnesses.

### FOCUS ON WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing with Focus on Women Business Enterprises. Testimony was heard from Jane Butler, Acting Associate Administrator, Financial Assistance, SBA; and public witnesses.

### GSA LEASING PROGRAM AND POLICY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds held a hearing on the fiscal year 1998 GSA Leasing Program and General GSA Leasing Policy. Testimony was heard from Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

### VA MEDICAL CARE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the prevention of adverse events in the provision of VA medical care. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Kenneth Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; John Mather, M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Health Care Inspections, Office of the Inspector General; and the following Directors of VA Medical Centers: Elwood Headley, M.D., Boston; T. C. Doherty, Miami; and Bill Valentine, Muskogee.

### MISCELLANEOUS TRADE AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT; RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENTS AUTHORITIES ACT 1997

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2622, Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1997; and H.R. 2621, amended, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act of 1997.

## Joint Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

*Conferees* on Tuesday, October 7, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House-passed versions of 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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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1078)

H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Signed October 7, 1997. (P.L. 105-55)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* to hold hearings to examine the President's use of the line item veto on the 1998 Military Construction Appropriations bill, 2 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* Subcommittee on Securities, to hold oversight hearings on the Financial Accounting Standards Board and its proposed derivatives accounting standard, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* to resume hearings to examine 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 public health goals, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* to hold hearings on the nomination of M. John Berry, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings on the feasibility of using bonding techniques to finance large-scale capital projects in the National Park System, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine the outlook and consequences of a new United Nations climate change treaty as the United States prepares for the December convention in Kyoto, Japan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the pros and cons of NATO enlargement, 2 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,* business meeting, to mark up H.R. 1847, to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers, S. 1189, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants, S. 474, to enforce regulations prohibiting the interstate or foreign transmission of gambling information against certain

computer service providers, S. 1024, to make permanent chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code relating to adjustment of debts of a family farmer with regular annual income, S. 1149, to provide for increased education funding, S. 900, Child Exploitation Sentencing Enhancement Act, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources*, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to examine support strategies for clinical research and alternative medicine research at the National Institutes of Health, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

### NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1981 in today's Record.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on the review of the Agricultural economic outlook, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Assessing the Department of Energy's Management of the National Laboratory System, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 1054, Internet Tax Freedom Act, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, to mark up the following: Reading Excellence Act; and a measure to amend the Charter Schools Program, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on H.R. 758, Truth in Employment Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, hearing on "Conduit Payments to the Democratic National Committee", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, to mark up the following: H.R. 1129, Microcredit for Self Reliance Act of 1997; 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; H. Con. Res. 130, concerning the situation in Kenya; and H. Con. Res. 121, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding proliferation of missile technology from Russia to Iran, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Human Rights and the Peace Process in Northern Ireland, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to mark up H.R. 1054, Internet Tax Freedom Act; followed by a hearing on H.R. 2592, Private Trustee Reform Act and the Executive Office of U.S. Trustee's assessment of post-confirmation fees in Chapter 11 cases, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2603, Private Trustee Reform Act of 1997; and H.R. 2294, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1997; and to hold an oversight hearing on the need for additional Federal District Court judges, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2460, Wireless Telephone Protection Act; and H.R. 1753, to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000, 9 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on Pfiesteria and Its Impact on our Fishery Resources, 10:00 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills; H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, WY; H.R. 1811, Columbia River Habitat Protection and Recreational Access Act of 1997; and H.R. 1477, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a portion of the Columbia River as a recreational river, 10:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 2204, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1997, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to continue hearings on Countdown to Kyoto Part II: The Economics of the Global Climate Change Agreement, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on H.R. 145, to terminate the effectiveness of certain amendments to the foreign repair station rules of the Federal Aviation Administration, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to mark up the following: Tax Corrections Act of 1997; and the Parents and Students Savings Account Plus Act, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

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*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
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*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
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#### Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will vote on motions to close further debate on S. 25, Campaign Finance Reform, and Lott Amendment No. 1258, to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary.

Senate may also resume consideration of S. 1173, ISTEPA legislation, and S. 1156, D.C. Appropriations, 1998, and consider any conference reports, when available.

#### House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2169, Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 1998 (rule waiving points of order); and

Consideration of H.R. 2607, District of Columbia Appropriations, Medical Liability Reform, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (modified closed rule, 1 hour of debate).

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