

Thursday, October 9, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to VA/HUD and Transportation Appropriations Conference Reports.

House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2169, Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

House passed H.R. 2607, District of Columbia Appropriations Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10719–S10829*

**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1278–1294, and S. Res. 133–136. **Pages S10787–88**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittee of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998”. (S. Rept. No. 105–104)

S. 1278, to extend preferential treatment to certain products imported from Caribbean Basin countries. (S. Rept. No. 105–105)

S. 660, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–106)

S. 207, to review, reform, and terminate unnecessary and inequitable Federal subsidies, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–107)

S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, punish and deter violent gang crime, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–108)

H.R. 1847, to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 900, to provide for sentencing enhancements and amendments to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines for offenses relating to the abuse and exploi-

tation of children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1024, to make chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code permanent.

S. 1149, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for increased education funding, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1189, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants. **Pages S10786–87**

### Measures Passed:

**Congressional Adjournment:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 169, providing for an adjournment of the two Houses. **Page S10732**

**U.S. Post Office Designation:** Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 595, to designate the United States Post Office building located at Bennett Street and Kansas Expressway in Springfield, Missouri, as the “John Griesemer Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S10777**

**U.S. Post Office Designation:** Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 916, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the “Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S10777–78**

**U.S. Post Office Designation:** Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 973, to designate the United

States Post Office building located at 551 Kingstown Road in Wakefield, Rhode Island, as the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building", and the bill was then passed. **Page S10778**

**U.S. Post Office Designation:** Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 985, to designate the post office located at 194 Ward Street in Patterson, New Jersey, as the "Larry Doby Post Office", and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10778**

Stevens (for Thompson) Amendment No. 1322, to strike a finding. **Page S10778**

**Coral Reef Ecosystems:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 8, recognizing the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10778-79**

**Land Exchange:** Senate passed S. 587, to require the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands located in Hinsdale County, Colorado, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10779**

**Slate Creek Addition:** Senate passed S. 588, to provide for the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness within the Arapaho National Forest and the White River National Forest, Colorado, to include land known as the Slate Creek Addition, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10779-80**

**Land Conveyance:** Senate passed S. 589, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving the Raggeds Wilderness, White River National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of earlier erroneous land surveys, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10780**

**Dillon Ranger District Transfer:** Senate passed S. 591, to transfer the Dillon Ranger District in the Arapaho National Forest to the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10780**

**Authorizing Production of Committee Records:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 135, to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Rules and Administration. **Page S10780**

**U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution:** Senate passed S. 399, to amend the Morris

K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to establish the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to conduct environmental conflict resolution and training, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10823**

Stevens (for McCain) Amendment No. 1323, to separate funds used for environmental conflict resolution from scholarship funds. **Pages S10823-25**

**National Mammography Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 136, to designate October 17, 1997, as "National Mammography Day". **Page S10827**

#### **Campaign Finance Reform—Cloture Votes:**

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 273), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the bill. **Page S10731**

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 274), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Lott Amendment No. 1258, listed above. **Pages S10731-32**

**VA/HUD Appropriations—Conference Report:** Senate 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, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10733-51**

**Transportation Appropriations, 1998—Conference Report:** Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10751-58**

**FDA Modernization and Accountability Act:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives a message from the House on S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, that the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House, insist on its amendment, agree to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S10777**

**Authority for Committees:** All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, October 15, 1997, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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**Appointment:**

**North Atlantic Assembly:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed Senator Bennett as a member of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the First Session of the 105th Congress, to be held in Bucharest, Romania, October 9–14, 1997.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Yolanda Townsend Wheat, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for the term of six years expiring August 2, 2001.

Anthony W. Ishii, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Susan E. Rice, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Martin S. Indyk, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Dennis Dollar, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring April 10, 2003.

Thomas J. Dodd, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Katharine G. Abraham, of Iowa, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor, for a term of four years.

Corinne Claiborne Boggs, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

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

Robert S. Warshaw, of New York, to be Associate Director for National Drug Control Policy.

Mary Mel French, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service.

Robert T. Grey, Jr., of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

David B. Hermelin, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Norway.

Harriet C. Babbitt, of Arizona, to be Deputy Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

Richard W. Fisher, of Texas, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Thomas H. Fox, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

Kevin Gover, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Carl Spielvogel, of New York, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 1999. (Reappointment)

Donald C. Lubick, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Ida L. Castro, of New York, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor.

Joy Harjo, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2002.

11 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service.

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**Messages From the House:** Page S10786

**Measures Referred:** Page S10786

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**Additional Statements:** Pages S10813–22

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—274) Pages S10731, S10732

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon and, in accordance with H. Con. Res. 169, adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, October 20, 1997.

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### LINE ITEM VETO

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's use of the line item veto with regard to the Military Construction Appropriations bill for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after receiving testimony from Maj. Gen. Clair F. Gill, USA, Director of Army Budget; Rear Adm. James F. Amerault, USN, Director of Navy Budget/Fiscal Management; and Maj. Gen. Eugene Lupia, USAF, Civil Engineer, Department of the Air Force.

### FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARD

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities concluded oversight hearings to review the Financial Accounting Standards Board's proposed standard on derivatives and hedging activities, a rule to improve standards of financial accounting and reporting by investors and creditors, after receiving testimony from Edmund L. Jenkins, Chairman, Financial Accounting Standards Board; Alex J. Pollock, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, and William Roberts, First Chicago NBD Corporation, both of Chicago, Illinois; and Kenneth L. Wolfe, Hershey Foods Corporation, Hershey, Pennsylvania.

### GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee resumed 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 benefits, receiving testimony from John R. Seffrin, American Cancer Society, Atlanta, Georgia; Ronald M. Davis, American Medical Association, and Richard A. Levinson, American Public Health Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and M. Cass Wheeler, American Heart Association, Dallas, Texas.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of M. John Berry, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the

Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Sarbanes and Representative Hoyer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings to examine the feasibility of using bonding techniques to finance capital projects in the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Senator McCain; David Hayes, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior; Dennis Zimmerman, Specialist in Public Finance, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Henry Lee, Harvard University/Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Albert C. Eisenberg, National Parks and Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; and Kenneth C. Olson, Goldman, Sachs, and Co., New York, New York.

### NATO ENLARGEMENT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held hearings to examine the benefits and risks of the proposal to grant NATO membership to Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, receiving testimony from Senator Roth, on behalf of the Senate NATO Observer Group and the North Atlantic Assembly; Zibgniew Brzezinski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, former Secretary of Defense, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, American Enterprise Institute, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Jonathan Dean, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Michael Mandelbaum, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies/Johns Hopkins University, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### U.N. CLIMATE CHANGE TREATY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion held hearings to examine the legally binding obligations and impact on the United States economy of the United Nations proposed climate change treaty which will be negotiated in December 1997 in Kyoto, Japan, receiving testimony from Timothy E. Wirth, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs; Sallie Baliunas, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Lawrence Chimerine, Economic Strategy Institute, and Daniel A. Lashof, Natural Resources Defense

Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mary H. Novak, WEFA, Inc., Burlington, Massachusetts.

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 testimony from Mark F. Thomann, former Midwest Finance Director, and Richard L. Sullivan, former Deputy Finance Director and Finance Director, both of the Democratic National Committee.

Also, committee approved the issuance of certain subpoenas with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Raymond C. Fisher, of California, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, Ronald Lee Gilman, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth 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;

H.R. 1847, to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1024, to make permanent certain provisions of the Bankruptcy Code relating to the adjustment of debts of a family farmer with regular annual income;

S. 1189, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants;

S. 1149, to provide for increased education funding by closing certain Bankruptcy Code loopholes re-

lating to local property tax revenues which can affect the amount of money made available for education, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 900, to provide for sentencing enhancements and amendments to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines for offenses relating to the abuse and exploitation of children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee began consideration of S. 474, to provide criminal penalties against any person who, while engaged in the business of betting or wagering, knowingly uses a communication facility for the transmission or receipt in interstate or foreign commerce of bets or wagers, information assisting in the placing of bets or wagers, or a communication that entitles the transmitter or receiver to receive money or credit as a result of bets or wagers, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

### CLINICAL AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE RESEARCH

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety concluded hearings to examine support strategies for clinical research and alternative medicine research at the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Harold Varmus, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Gordon H. Williams, Brigham and Women's Hospital, on behalf of the Clinical Research Study Group of the National Institutes of Health, and Alan C. Moses, on behalf of the General Clinical Research Center, and David M. Eisenberg, both of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, all of Boston, Massachusetts; John A. Morris, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee, on behalf of the Coalition for American Trauma Care; Katrina A. Gwinn, Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Arizona; Robert R. Rich, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Association of American Medical Colleges; and James S. Gordon, Georgetown University School of Medicine and Center for Mind-Body Medicine, Washington, D.C.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 2644–2673; 1 private bill, H.R. 2674; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 96, H. Con. Res. 170, and H. Res. 266–268, were introduced. **Pages H8832–33**

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

H. Res. 265, providing for consideration of H.R. 2204, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 105–317);

H.R. 2513, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and modify the provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 relating to exempting active financing income from foreign personal holding company income and to provide for the non-recognition of gain on the sale of stock in agricultural processors to certain farmers' cooperatives, amended (H. Rept. 105–318 Part 1);

S. 923, to deny veterans benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses, amended (H. Rept. 105–319); and

H.R. 2367, to increase, effective as of December 1, 1997, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans (H. Rept. 105–320). **Pages H8831–32**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8729**

**Journal:** By a recorded vote of 352 ayes to 58 noes, Roll No. 509, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, October 8. **Pages H8729, H8741**

**Transportation Appropriations Conference Report:** By a ye and nay vote of 401 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 510, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. **Pages H8741–52**

By a ye and nay vote of 413 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 507, the House agreed to H. Res. 263, the rule that waived points of order against consideration of the conference report. **Pages H8737–40**

**District of Columbia Appropriations:** By a ye and nay vote of 203 yeas to 202 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 513, the House passed 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. By a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 135 noes, Roll No. 514, agreed to the Hansen motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote. **Pages H8752–H8806**

Rejected the Moran motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations by voice vote. **Page H8804**

**Agreed To:**

The Sabo amendment that strikes the waiver of Davis-Bacon for school construction and repair (agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 511). **Pages H8780–83**

**Rejected:**

The Moran amendment in the nature of a substitute that retains increased funding for police officer and firefighter pay raises and inserts the text of the Senate's version, S. 1156 (rejected by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 212 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 512). **Pages H8783–H8803**

By a ye and nay vote of 370 yeas to 50 nays, Roll No. 508, the House agreed to H. Res. 264, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill. Pursuant to the rule the amendment printed in part 1 of the Committee on Rules report, H. Rept. 105–315, was considered as adopted. **Pages H8729–37, H8740–41**

**Future Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Flake to the Honorable Alexander Treadwell, Secretary of State, State of New York, regarding his future resignation from the House of Representatives. **Page H8807**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** The Speaker designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through October 21. **Page H8807**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, October 22, 1997. **Pages H8807–08**

**Resignations—Appointments:** Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until

Tuesday, October 21, 1997, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H8808**

**Extension of Remarks:** Agreed that for today, all members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the record entitled "Extension of Remarks". **Page H8808**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8806.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8739-40, H8740-41, H8741, H8782-83, H8802-03, H8804-05, and H8805-06. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:30 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 169, adjourned at 9:15 p.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21 for Morning Hour debate.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities held a hearing on the review of the Agricultural economic outlook. Testimony was heard from Keith J. Collins, Chief Economist, USDA; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL LABORATORY SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Assessing the Department of Energy's Management of the National Laboratory System. Testimony was heard from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Energy: John C. Layton, Inspector General; and Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Energy Research; and a public witness.

### INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1054, Internet Tax Freedom Act.

### CHARTER SCHOOLS AMENDMENTS ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 2616, Charter Schools Amendments Act of 1997.

### TRUTH IN EMPLOYMENT ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 758, Truth in Employment Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### "CONDUIT PAYMENTS TO THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE"

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Held a hearing on "Conduit Payments to the Democratic National Committee". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 1129, amended, Microcredit for Self Reliance Act of 1997; H. Res. 245, amended, 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, amended, 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.

### NORTHERN IRELAND—HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE PROCESS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Human Rights and the Peace Process in Northern Ireland. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

The Subcommittee also held 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. Testimony was heard from Representative Goodlatte; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Joseph Patchan, Director and Kevyn D. Orr, Deputy Director, both with the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees; W.

Clarkson McDow, Jr., Region 4 and Ellen B. Vergos, Region 8, both U.S. Trustees; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2603, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Settlement Encouragement Act; and H.R. 2294, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Peter R. Steenland, Senior Counsel, Alternative Dispute Resolution, U.S. Department of Justice; D. Brock Hornby, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Maine; Philip M. Pro, U.S. District Court, Chairman, Committee on Judges, Judicial Conference; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the need for additional Federal District Court judges. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Kovachevich, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Middle District, Florida; and Julia Smith Gibbons, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Chair, Committee on Judicial Resources.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action 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.

#### OVERSIGHT—PFIESTERIA IMPACT ON OUR FISHERY RESOURCES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on Pfiesteria and Its Impact on our Fishery Resources. Testimony was heard from Terry D. Garcia, Acting Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; Wayne McDevitt, Secretary, Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, State of North Carolina; John Griffin, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, State of Maryland; Christophe A.G. Tulou, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Murray, Cubin, Hastings of Washington and Dicks; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Mat Millenbach, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; and Thomas Dwyer, Deputy Regional Director, Pacific and Northwest, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Dan Berkovitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Planning, and Budget, Department of Energy; the following officials of the State of Washington: Dorothy Perkins, Representative; and Clyde Ballard, Speaker; and public witnesses.

#### COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2204, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1997. The rule waives section 401 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority which becomes effective during the fiscal year which ends in the calendar year in which the bill is reported) against consideration of the bill.

The rule makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (relating to germaneness) and section 401 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority which becomes effective during the fiscal year which ends in the calendar year in which the bill is reported) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule further allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce 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 Representative Gilchrest.

#### COUNTDOWN TO KYOTO

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment continued hearings on Countdown to Kyoto Part II: The Economics of the Global Climate

Change Agreement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Marc Chupka, Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy and International Affairs; and Joseph J. Romm, Acting Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and public witnesses.

#### FAA—FOREIGN REPAIR STATION RULES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on H.R. 145, to terminate the effectiveness of certain amendments to the foreign repair station rules of the Federal Aviation Administration. Testimony was heard from Representative Borski; Guy S. Gardner, Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2644, United States-Caribbean Trade Partnership Act; H.R. 2645, Tax Technical Corrections Act of 1997; and H.R. 2646, amended, Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools.

#### HEALTH CARE WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Health Care Waste, Fraud and Abuse. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Michael F. Mangano, Principal Deputy, Office of the Inspector General; and Linda Ruiz, Director, Program Integrity Group, Office of Financial Management, Health Care Financing Administration; Charles L. Owens, Chief, Financial Crimes Section, FBI, Department of Justice; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems, GAO; and a public witness.

#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

*(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1088)*

H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Signed October 8, 1997. (P.L. 105-56)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1997

##### Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

##### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

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#### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 13 through 18, 1997

##### Senate Chamber

Senate will not be in session.

##### Senate Committees

No committee meetings are scheduled.

##### House Chamber

House will not be in session.

##### House Committees

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* October 14 and 15, hearings on the Invalidated 1996 Teamster Election, 1 p.m., on October 14 and 9:30 a.m., on October 15, 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* October 15, oversight hearing on the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 16, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing regarding focusing on the anatomy of a Colombian drug trafficking operation in the United States, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
12 noon, Monday, October 20

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 21

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Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1173, ISTEA legislation.

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House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.

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