

Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.J. Res. 97, Continuing Appropriations Extension.

The House passed H.R. 1534, Private Property Rights Implementation Act.

House Committees ordered reported 9 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1304–1309 and S. Con. Res. 56. Page S10950

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 56, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the ceremony honoring Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope by conferring upon him the status of an honorary veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States. Page S10999

Continuing Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 97, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998. Pages S10918–19, S10927–37

Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Thursday, October 23, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon.

ISTEA Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amendment (the modification being a substitute for the text of the bill), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Page S10947

Pending:

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1312, to provide for a continuing designation of a metropolitan planning organization. Page S10947

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1313 (to language proposed to be stricken by the committee amendment, as modified), of a perfecting nature. Page S10947

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1314 (to Amendment No. 1313), of a perfecting nature. Page S10947

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions. Page S10947

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 S10947

Lott Amendment No. 1318 (to Amendment No. 1317), to strike the limitation on obligations for administrative expenses. Page S10947

A third motion was entered to close further debate on the modified committee amendment 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 Friday, October 24, 1997. Page S10947

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, October 23, 1997, with a cloture vote on the modified committee amendment to occur thereon.

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany U.S.-Mexico Treaty on Maritime Boundaries (Ex. F, 96th Cong., 1st Sess.) (Exec. Rept. No. 105–4). Page S10950

Report to accompany Migratory Bird Protocol with Canada and Migratory Bird Protocol with Mexico (Treaty Docs. 104–28 and 105–26) (Exec. Rept. No. 105–5). Pages S10949–50

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Michael A. Naranjo, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and

Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2002.

Jeanne Givens, of Idaho, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2002.

Barbara Blum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2002.

Letitia Chambers, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2000.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Daryl L. Jones, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Richard M. McGahey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

William Dale Montgomery, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

William J. Lynn, III, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:13 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, October 23, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10999.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Committee continued hearings to examine the costs of enlarging NATO membership to include Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic and the impact of enlargement on Department of Defense readiness, receiving testimony from Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman, Joint

Chiefs of Staff; and Gen. Wesley K. Clark, Commander in Chief, United States European Command. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TEACHING HOSPITAL AUDITS/MEDICAL RESEARCH FUNDING

Committee on Appropriations: On Tuesday, October 21, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine the billing practices of physicians at teaching hospitals and related Medicare requirements, after receiving testimony from Michael F. Mangano, Principal Deputy Inspector General, and Barbara Wynn, Director, Plan and Provider Purchasing Policy Group, Health Care Financing Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Jordan J. Cohen, Association of American Medical Colleges, Washington, D.C.; C. McCollister Evarts, PennState Geisinger Health System/Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, University Park.

Also, subcommittee concluded hearings on a legislative proposal to increase funding for medical research and provide a 5 year extension of exclusivity for certain pharmaceutical products, after receiving testimony from Daniel P. Perry, Alliance for Aging, and James Love, Center for Study of Responsive Law, both of Washington, D.C.; Gina Cioffi, Cooley's Anemia Foundation, Brooklyn, New York; Scott Hallquist, Immunex International, Inc., Seattle, Washington; and Kenneth Clarkson, University of Miami, Miami, Florida.

YEAR 2000 LIABILITY AND DISCLOSURE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology held hearings to examine potential litigation which may result from the Year 2000 computer problem and its impact on the financial services industry, and proposed legislation to require United States corporations to fully disclose all information concerning their Year 2000 remediation efforts and potential liabilities, receiving testimony from Brian Lane, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Jeff Jinnett, LeBoeuf Computing Technologies, New York, New York; Dana D. McDaniel, Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbins, Richmond, Virginia; Harris N. Miller, Information Technology Association of America, Arlington, Virginia; and Robert B. Austrian, NationsBanc Montgomery Securities Inc., San Francisco, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 858, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a pilot project on designated lands within Plumas, Lassen, and Tahoe National Forests in the State of California to demonstrate the effectiveness of the resource management activities proposed by the Quincy Library Group and to amend current land and resource management plans for these national forests to consider the incorporation of these resource management activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and in lieu of S. 1028, Senate companion measure;

H.R. 960, to validate certain conveyances of land from the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Tulare, California;

S. 814, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 799, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 765, to ensure the maintenance of a free-roaming herd of wild horses at Cape Lookout National Seashore, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 940, to provide for a study of the establishment of Midway Atoll as a national memorial to the Battle of Midway, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 848, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSabel Hydroelectric Project in the State of New York;

H.R. 651, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington;

H.R. 652, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington;

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;

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;

S. 538, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities of the Minidoka project in the State of Idaho to the Burley Irrigation District, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of M. John Berry, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget.

OZONE AND PARTICULATE MATTER RESEARCH ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings on S. 1084, to establish a research and monitoring program for the national ambient air quality standards for ozone and particulate matter to reinstate the original standards under the Clean Air Act, after receiving testimony from James A. Martin, Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe, Inc., Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Bakers Association; Adam Sharp, American Farm Bureau Federation, Washington, D.C.; Ande Abbott, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers & Helpers, Fairfax, Virginia; Jason S. Grumet, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, Boston, Massachusetts; George D. Thurston, New York University School of Medicine, New York, New York; and Tom Smith, Griffin, Georgia, on behalf of the National Coalition of Petroleum Retailers.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine the current situation with regard to the ongoing war in Afghanistan and its implications for the United States, after receiving testimony from Karl F. Inderfurth, Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs; Zalmay Khalilzad, Project AIRFORCE/RAND Corporation, Washington, D.C.; Marty F. Miller, Unocal Corporation, Sugar Land, Texas; and Thomas E. Gouttierre, Center for Afghanistan Studies/University of Nebraska, Omaha.

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 Stephen Smith and Chief Petty Officer Charles McGrath, both of the White House Communications Agency.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Bill Lann Lee, of California, to be Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators D'Amato, Akaka, Feinstein, and Boxer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Susan Au Allen, U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce, and Gerald A. Reynolds, Center for New Black Leadership, both of Washington, D.C.; Andrew C. Peterson, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, Los Angeles, California; and Barbara Towers, Hawthorne, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1294, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the consolidation of student loans under the Federal Family Loan Program and the Direct Loan Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1237, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of David Satcher, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, 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, Jeanette C. Takamura, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for

Aging, Espiridion A. Borrego, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, Charles N. Jeffress, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Susan Robinson King, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Public Affairs, Patricia Watkins Lattimore, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Administration, Robert H. Beatty Jr., of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, and Ela Yazzie King, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX POLICY

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine the impact of tax law reform on the small business community, receiving testimony from Jack Faris, National Federation of Independent Business, Karen Kerrigan, Small Business Survival Committee, Todd McCracken, National Small Business United, John S. Satagaj, Small Business Legislative Council, and Bennie L. Thayer, National Association for the Self-Employed, all of Washington, D.C.; Charles E. Kruse, Missouri Farm Bureau, Jefferson City, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Terry Neese, Terry Neese Personnel Services, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Association of Women Business Owners.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 2691–2704; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 172–174, and H. Res. 275, were introduced. Pages H9038–39

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 274, providing for consideration of H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, (H. Rept. 105–336).

Conference Report on H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes. (H. Rept. 105–337). Pages H9004–34, H9038

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

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Continuing Appropriations Extension: The House passed H.J. Res. 97, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998. Pages H8937–38

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 269, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution by a voice vote. **Pages H8934–37**

Private Property Rights Implementation Act: By a recorded vote of 248 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 519, the House passed H.R. 1534, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under the Constitution. **Page H8940**

Rejected the Lofgren motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Pages H8963–64**

Agreed To:

The Traficant amendment that requires that whenever a Federal agency takes an agency action limiting the use of private property, the agency shall give notice to the owners explaining their rights. **Pages H8955–56**

Rejected:

The Boehlert amendment in the nature of a substitute that strikes Section 2, allowing property owners to appeal local land use decisions in Federal courts and establishes an expedited process for land use disputes with the Federal government (rejected by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 518). **Pages H8956–61**

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H8964**

The House agreed to H. Res. 271, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in Part 1 of H. Rept. 105–335, the report accompanying the rule was considered as adopted. **Pages H8938–40**

Subsequently, agreed by unanimous consent to consider an amendment offered by Representative Traficant, as though printed in the report accompanying the rule. **Pages H8950–51**

Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act: The House completed general debate on H.R. 2247, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak. Consideration of amendments will begin on October 23. **Pages H8972–78**

The House agreed to H. Res. 270, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill by a yeas and nays vote of 226 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 520. **Pages H8964–72**

FDA Regulatory Modernization Act: The House insisted on its amendments to 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 and asked for a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Bliley, Bilirakis, Barton of Texas, Greenwood, Burr, Whitefield, Dingell, Brown of Ohio, Waxman, and Klink. **Page H8978**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas-and-nays vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8961, H8963–64, and H8971–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION—GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACT REPORT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a hearing to review the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's Government Performance Results Act Report. Testimony was heard from Richard J. Hillman, Acting Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

INTERNATIONAL MONEY LAUNDERING—BLACK-MARKET PESO BROKERING

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review law enforcement efforts to combat international money laundering occurring through "black-market peso brokering". Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Allen Doody, Assistant Director, Operations, U.S. Customs Service; Greg Passic, Senior Special Agent, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; and Al James, Senior Special Agent, Criminal Investigation Division, IRS; and "Ms. Doe," former money launderer utilized by the Colombian drug cartels.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power concluded hearings on H.R. 655, Electric Consumers' Power to Choose Act of 1997, and also

the following bills: H.R. 338, Ratepayer Protection Act; H.R. 1230, Consumers Electric Power Act of 1997; H.R. 1359, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a means to support programs for electric energy conservation and energy efficiency, renewable energy, and universal and affordable service for electric consumers; and H.R. 1960, Electric Power Competition and Consumer Choice Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Stephen Wright, Vice President, National Relations, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; George Costello, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; John Hanger, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

READING EXCELLENCE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2614, Reading Excellence Act.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH CARE PROTECTION ACT; FEDERAL EMPLOYEES LIFE INSURANCE IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 1836, Federal Employees Health Care Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 2675, Federal Employees Life Insurance Improvement Act.

ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY TOWARD SOUTH ASIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on the Administration's Policy Toward South Asia. Testimony was heard from Karl F. Inderfurth, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South Asian Affairs, Department of State.

IMPACT OF CHILD LABOR ON FREE TRADE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade and the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a joint hearing on the Impact of Child Labor on Free Trade. Testimony was heard from Andrew Samet, Acting Deputy Secretary, International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TVA AND FEDERAL POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS—APPLICATION OF ANTITRUST LAWS

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on the Application of the Antitrust Laws to the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Federal Power Marketing Administrations. Testimony was heard from Ed Christenbury, General Counsel, TVA; Douglas

Smith, Deputy General Counsel, Energy Policy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

LINE ITEM VETO

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on the President's line item veto action on the fiscal year 1998 Defense and Military Construction Appropriations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj. Gen. Clair F. Gill, USA, Director, Army Budget, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Financial Management, Department of the Army; Rear Adm. James F. Amerault, USN, Director, Budget, Financial Management Division, Department of the Navy; and Maj. Gen. George T. Stringer, USAF, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget, Department of the Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: S. 423, to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason; 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; S. 459, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to extend certain authorizations; H.R. 1739, amended, BWCAW Accessibility and Fairness Act of 1997; H.R. 1842, to terminate further development and implementation of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative; H.R. 2283, amended, Arches National Park Expansion Act of 1997; and S. 731, to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial.

EDUCATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS—PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2646, Educational Savings Accounts for Public and Private Schools Act of 1997. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read for amendment. The rule also provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as modified by the amendment printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules, as adopted. The rule provides for consideration of the further amendment printed in part 2 of the report, if offered by Representative Rangel of New York or his designee, against which all points of order are waived, which shall be considered as read for amendment and shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony

was heard from Chairman Archer and Representative Rangel.

LOAN PROGRAMS AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the SBA's 7(a) and 504 loan programs and their effectiveness in serving economically distressed and disadvantaged areas. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

IRS RESTRUCTURING AND REFORM ACT OF 1997

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2676, Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1997.

BILLS VETOED

H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortion. Vetoed October 10, 1997.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, to continue hearings to examine the costs of enlarging NATO membership to include Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 1292, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45 (Military Construction Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998), 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the nominations of Lt. Gen. Peter J. Schoemaker, USA, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Special Operations Command and for appointment to the grade of general, and Lt. Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and for appointment to the grade of general, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending nominations, 4:15 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 318, to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required by a creditor as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, and S. 1228, to provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine public pension programs in Europe, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting, to mark up certain provisions of legislation relating to intermodal transportation safety, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold oversight hearings on the issue of peaceful nuclear cooperation with China, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 633, to adjust the boundary of the Petroglyph National Monument, and S. 1132, to modify the boundaries of the Bandelier National Monument, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings to examine the Army Corps of Engineers flood control project at Devils Lake, North Dakota, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on the nomination of Charles Rossotti, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Peter Francis Tufo, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, Alexander R. Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus, David Timothy Johnson, of Georgia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Head of the United States Delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Kathryn Walt Hall, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, and James Carew Rosapepe, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Romania, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine United States economic and strategic interests in the Caspian Sea region, 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 consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on S. 869, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SR-485.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E2053-54 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review H.R. 2185, USDA Accountability and Equity Act of 1997, and other civil rights measures, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Securing America's Future: Preparing the Nation for the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Energy's Implementation of Contract Reform: Mismanagement of Performance-Based Contracting, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Reauthorization of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and GAO report CPSC: Better Data Needed to Help Identify and Analyze Potential Hazards, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on H.R. 1415, Patient Access to Responsible Care Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on "Job Corps Oversight: Recruitment and Placement Standards", 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, to mark up H. Res. 273, condemning the military intervention by the Government of the Republic of Angola into the Republic of the Congo, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing and markup of the following: H.J. Res. 91, granting the consent of Congress to the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact; H.J. Res. 92, granting the consent of Congress to the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact; H.J. Res. 95, granting the consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact; and H.J. Res. 96, granting the consent and approval of Congress for the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2652, to amend title 17, United States Code, to prevent the misappropriation of collections of information; and the Vessel Hull Design Protection Act, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the implementation of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up H.R. 2376, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1997; and hold a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2304, to direct the Secretary of the In-

terior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resource System; H.R. 2401, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; and H.R. 2556, Wetlands and Wildlife Enhancement Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Recreational Residence Use Fees on National Forest System Lands, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and H.R. 2616, Charter Schools Amendments Act of 1997, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Allegations of Sexual Harassment at the FAA, 10:15 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Aviation, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2626, to make clarifications to the Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996; H.R. 1454, Community Flight Safety Act of 1997; H.R. 2476, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual foreign air carriers to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents involving foreign air carriers, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on H.R. 2118, Ban on Smoking in Federal Buildings Act, 10:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on VA Inspector General Reports on Alleged Mismanagement at the Charleston, South Carolina and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania VA Medical Centers, and on related matters, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

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Program for Thursday: After the recognition of certain Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1173, ISTEPA legislation, with a cloture vote on the modified committee amendment to occur thereon, following which Senate will vote on H.J. Res. 97, Further Continuing Appropriations, 1998.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 2646, Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools (modified closed rule, 1 hour of general debate); and Complete consideration of H.R. 2247, Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act (modified closed rule).

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