

Thursday, November 6, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Defense Authorizations Conference Report.

The House passed 5 measures relating to the policy of the United States with respect to the People's Republic of China.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11795–S11903

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1382–1396, S. Res. 144 and 145, and S. Con. Res. 64 and 65.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1193, to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the authorization of the aviation insurance program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–140)

H.R. 282, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, New York, as the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building".

H.R. 497, to repeal the Federal charter of Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 681, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 313 East Broadway in Glendale, California, as the "Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Building".

H.R. 1316, to amend chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to the order of precedence to be applied in the payment of life insurance benefits.

H.R. 2129, to designate the United States Post Office located at 150 North 3rd Street in Steubenville, Ohio, as the "Douglas Applegate Post Office".

H.R. 2564, to designate the United States Post Office located at 450 North Centre Street in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, as the "Peter J. McCloskey Postal Facility".

H.R. 2610, to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to extend the authorization for the Office of National Drug Control Policy until September 30, 1999, to expand the responsibilities and powers of the Director of the Office of National

Drug Control Policy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 93, designating the week beginning November 23, 1997, and the week beginning on November 22, 1998, as "National Family Week".

S. 191, to throttle criminal use of guns, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 336, to convert certain excepted service positions in the United States Fire Administration to competitive service positions.

S. 508, to provide for the relief of Mai Hoa "Jasmin" Salehi.

S. 857, for the relief of Roma Salobrit.

S. 1304, for the relief of Belinda McGregor, with amendments.

S. 1336, for the relief of Roy Desmond Moser.

S. 1337, for the relief of John Andre Chalot.

S. 1371, to establish felony violations for the failure to pay legal child support obligations.

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Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 64, to provide for corrections to be made in the enrollment of H.R. 1119, National Defense Authorizations Act.

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National Defense Authorizations Act—Conference Report: By 90 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 296), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, clearing the measure for the President.

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Intelligence Authorizations—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 858, to

authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

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Reciprocal Trade Agreement/Fast Track: Senate began consideration of S. 1269, to establish objectives for negotiating and procedures for implementing certain trade agreements, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Inhofe Amendment No. 1602, to establish a research and monitoring program for the national ambient air quality standards for ozone and particulate matter and to reinstate the original standards under the Clean Air Act.

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Pending:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1594, to establish an emergency commission to end the trade deficit.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 295 EX), Ronald Lee Gilman, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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George Edward Moose, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

F. Amanda DeBusk, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Lange Schermerhorn, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Brenda Schoonover, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Togo.

Victor Marrero, of New York, to be the Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Patricia Watkins Lattimore, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Jeanette C. Takamura, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services.

Julia Taft, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Kathryn Walt Hall, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

R. Roger Majak, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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 Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Edward M. Gabriel, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco.

David L. Aaron, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

Susan Robinson King, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Joseph A. Presel, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Richard Frank Celeste, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to India.

Shaun Edward Donnelly, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Maldives.

Edward S. Walker, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Israel.

Stanley Tuemler Escudero, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

James Carew Rosapepe, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Romania.

Peter Francis Tufo, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary.

B. Lynn Pascoe, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh.

David Timothy Johnson, of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, 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 (OSCE).

Kathryn Linda Haycock Proffitt, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

William H. Twaddell, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Steven J. Green, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore.

Daniel Charles Kurtzer, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Steven Karl Pifer, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

Cameron R. Hume, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria.

Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-

Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus.

Amy L. Bondurant, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Gerald S. McGowan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Portugal.

Lyndon Lowell Olson, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to Sweden.

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.

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

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.

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

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Paul Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term of four years.

Christine O. C. Miller, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. (Reappointment)

Rosemary S. Pooler, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Robert D. Sack, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Jeanne Hurley Simon, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2002.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—296) Pages S11799, S11844

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, November 7, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11902.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EDUCATION FUNDING

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current state of the national education system, focusing on the development and effectiveness of Federal compensatory education programs, after receiving testimony from Carlotta C. Joyner, Director, Education and Employment Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Maris A. Vinovskis, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, former Research Advisor, Department of Education; Madeleine Will, Community Options, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey, former Assistant Secretary of Education for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; and Carley Ochoa, Riverside Unified School District, Riverside, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1287, to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants, with an amendment; and

H.R. 1787, to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants.

CHINA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the commercial activities of China's People's Liberation Army and the impact of those activities on United States national security and U.S.-China military relations, after receiving testimony from Susan L. Shirk, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Kurt Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs; Dolores F. Harrod, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Operations; Jeffrey L. Fiedler, Food and Allied Service Trades Department (AFL-CIO),

Washington, D.C.; Victor Kiam, Remington Products Company and ITI China Holdings, Inc., New York, New York; and James Mulvenon, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

UNITED NATIONS REFORM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations held hearings on proposals to reform the management and financial control of the United Nations, receiving testimony from Richard Sklar, United States Representative to the United Nations for Management and Reform; Joseph E. Connor, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Management; and John G. Ruggie, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MUSIC VIOLENCE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the impact of violent music lyrics on youth behavior in the District of Columbia and across the nation, after receiving testimony from Senator Lieberman; Frank Palumbo, on behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and Hilary Rosen, Recording Industry Association of America, both of Washington, D.C.; C. Delores Tucker, National Political Congress of Black Women, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland; Donald F. Roberts, Stanford University, Stanford, California; and Raymond Kuntz, Burlington, North Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

The nominations of Seth Waxman, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Department of Justice, Stanley Marcus, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Lynn S. Adelman, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Ann L. Aiken, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Charles R. Breyer, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, A. Richard Caputo, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Frank C. Damrell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Jerome B. Friedman, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Martin J. Jenkins, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Bruce C. Kauffman, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Michael P. McCuskey, to be United States District Judge for

the Central District of Illinois, G. Patrick Murphy, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Norman K. Moon, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, Rodney W. Sippel, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, James William Blagg, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, and G. Douglas Jones, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama;

H.R. 2610, authorizing funds for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and to expand the responsibilities and powers of the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 508, to provide for the relief of Mai Hoa "Jasmin" Salehi;

S. 857, to provide for the relief of Roma Salobrit;

S. 1304, to provide for the relief of Belinda McGregor;

S. 1336, to provide for the relief of Roy Desmond Moser;

S. 1337, to provide for the relief of John Andre Chalot;

S. 1371, to establish felony violations for the failure to pay legal child support obligations;

S. 191, to require a mandatory minimum sentence for any violent or drug trafficking felon having a firearm in his or her possession during the commission of a heinous crime, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. Res. 93, designating the week beginning November 23, 1997, and the week beginning on November 22, 1998, as "National Family Week".

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Robert S. Warshaw, of New York, to be Associate Director, and Thomas J. Umberg, of California, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, both of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Warshaw was introduced by Senators D'Amato and Moynihan and Representative Slaughter, and Mr. Umberg was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer.

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: 32 public bills, H.R. 2832–2863; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 99–100, H. Con. Res. 184, and H. Res. 310, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2283, to expand the boundaries of Arches National Park in the State of Utah to include portions of the following drainages, Salt Wash, Lost Spring Canyon, Fish Sheep Draw, Clover Canyon, Cordova Canyon, Mine Draw, and Cottonwood Wash, which are currently under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and to include a portion of Fish Sheep Draw, which is currently owned by the State of Utah, amended (H. Rept. 105–385); and

H. Res. 309, providing for consideration of H.R. 2621, to extend trade authorities procedures with respect to reciprocal trade agreements (H. Rept. 105–386).

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

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Menendez motion to adjourn by a ye and nay vote of 85 yeas to 315 nays, Roll No. 585.

Pages H10111–12

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Ortiz motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 100 yeas to 309 noes, Roll No. 586.

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Expedited Procedures: The House agreed to H. Res. 305, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules by a recorded vote of 219 yeas to 195 noes, Roll No. 589. Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 201 noes, Roll No. 590.

Pages H10112–22

Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a ye and nay vote of 224 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 587. Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 588.

Pages H10120–21

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Martinez motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 79 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 591.

Pages H10122–23

United States Policy Re China Measures: Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of any measure made in order under H. Res. 302, to include corrections in

spelling, punctuation, section numbering, and cross-referencing, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House. H. Res. 302, the rule providing for consideration of nine measures, H. Res. 188, H.R. 967, H.R. 2195, H.R. 2232, H.R. 2358, H.R. 2386, H.R. 2570, H.R. 2605, and H.R. 2647, relating to the policy of the U.S. with respect to China was agreed to on November 5.

Pages H10054–63, H10129–30

Iranian Cruise Missiles: The House agreed to H. Res. 188, urging the executive branch to take action regarding the acquisition by Iran of C–802 cruise missiles. Agreed to amend the title.

Pages H10123–29

Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 176 noes, Roll No. 593.

Pages H10128–29

Pursuant to the rule, the amendments printed in part 2 of H. Rept. 105–379, accompanying the rule, were considered as adopted.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Torres motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 74 yeas to 336 noes, Roll No. 594.

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Free the Clergy Act: The House passed H.R. 967, to prohibit the use of United States funds to provide for the participation of certain Chinese officials in international conferences, programs, and activities and to provide that certain Chinese officials shall be ineligible to receive visas and excluded from admission to the United States, by a ye and nay vote of 366 yeas to 54 nays, Roll No. 595.

Pages H10130–38

Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 185 noes, Roll No. 596.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendments recommended by the Committee on International Relations were considered as adopted.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Mink of Hawaii motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 75 yeas to 333 nays, Roll No. 597.

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Forced Abortion Condemnation Act: The House passed H.R. 2570, to condemn those officials of the Chinese Communist Party, the Government of the People's Republic of China, and other persons who are involved in the enforcement of forced abortions by preventing such persons from entering or remaining in the United States by a ye and nay vote of 415 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 598.

Pages H10139–48

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in part 3 of H. Rept. 105–379, accompanying the rule was considered as adopted.

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Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 599. Pages H10147-48

Motion To Adjourn: Rejected the Doggett motion to adjourn by a yea and nay vote of 66 yeas to 350 nays, Roll No. 600. Pages H10148-49

U.S.-Taiwan Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Cooperation: The House passed H.R. 2386, to implement the provisions of the Taiwan Relations Act concerning the stability and security of Taiwan and United States cooperation with Taiwan on the development and acquisition of defensive military articles by a yea and nay vote of 301 yeas to 116 nays, Roll No. 601. Pages H10149-58

Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 602. Pages H10157-58

Agreed by unanimous consent to consider as adopted the Bereuter amendment that clarifies that the United States, in accordance with the Taiwan Relations Act and the constitutional processes of the United States, should assist in the defense of Taiwan in case of threats or military attack by the People's Republic of China against Taiwan. Page H10151

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in part 4 of H. Rept. 105-379, accompanying the rule were considered as adopted. Page H10149

Communist China Subsidy Reduction Act: The House passed H.R. 2605, to require the United States to oppose the making of concessional loans by international financial institutions to any entity in the People's Republic of China by a recorded vote of 354 ayes to 59 noes, Roll No. 605. Pages H10159-69

A point of order was sustained against the Taylor of Mississippi motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment dealing with the tariff schedules between the United States and China. By a yea and nay vote of 220 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 604, agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair. Pages H10167-68

Pursuant to the rule, the amendments printed in part 5 of H. Rept. 105-379, accompanying the rule were considered as adopted. Page H10159

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on pages H10107 and H10138-39.

Referrals: S. 1377, to amend the Act incorporating the American Legion to make a technical correction, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. S. 1378, to extend the authorization of use of official

mail in the location and recovery of missing children, was referred to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and House Oversight. S. Con. Res. 61, authorizing printing of a revised edition of the publication entitled "Our Flag"; S. Con. Res. 62, authorizing printing of the brochure entitled "How Our Laws Are Made"; and S. Con. Res. 63, authorizing printing of the pamphlet entitled "The Constitution of the United States of America", were referred to the Committee on House Oversight. Page H10169

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine yea-and-nay votes and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10111-12, H10112, H10120, H10121, H10121-22, H10122, H10122-23, H10128, H10128-29, H10129, H10137-38, H10138, H10139, H10147, H10147-48, H10148-49, H10156-57, H10157-58, H10158, H10168, and H10168-69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities held a hearing on review of agricultural transportation issues, focusing on the current rail grain situation. Testimony was heard from Representative DeFazio; Linda J. Morgan, Chairman, National Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; Michael V. Dunn, Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA; and public witnesses.

GAO INVESTIGATION—WHITE HOUSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service held a hearing on the GAO investigation of the White House. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO; Robert Murphy, General Counsel; and David L. Clark, Jr., Director, Audit Oversight and Liaison.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Approved Committee Rule changes.

COMMITTEE SUBPOENAS—WHITE HOUSE COMPLIANCE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on the "White House Compliance with Committee Subpoenas." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Executive Office of the President: Charles F.C. Ruff, Counsel; and Cheryl D. Mills, Deputy Counsel.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on House Oversight: Continued hearings on Campaign Finance Reform, Ballot Integrity/Disclosure. Testimony was heard from Representatives Horn, Maloney of New York; Tauzin, McCollum, Goodlatte and Fazio.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

The Committee also met to consider pending business.

NEGOTIATIONS—TIBETAN GOVERNMENT-CHINA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the current status of negotiations between the Tibetan Government in Exile and the People's Republic of China. Testimony was heard from Greg Craig, Special Coordinator, Tibetan Issues, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION SUMMIT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on the Fifth Summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum. Testimony was heard from John Wolf, Coordinator, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, Department of State; and public witnesses.

FAST TRACK AUTHORITY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Fast Track: the Debate Continues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Agreed to a motion to table H.R. 1909, Civil Rights Act of 1997.

DOD EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on Department of Defense equipment modernization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Richard I. Neal, USMC, Assistant Commandant; Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Lt. Gen. David K. Heebner, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff; Lt. Gen. Paul J. Kern, USA, Military Deputy, Assistant Secretary (Research, Development, and Acquisition); Lt. Gen. George K. Muellner, USAF, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary, (Acquisition); Lt. Gen. David J. McCloud, USAF, Director, Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Maj. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, USAF, Director, Operational Requirements, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and

Space Operations; and Brig. Gen. James E. Cartwright, USAF, Special Assistant, Director, Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and public witnesses.

U.S.S. MONITOR—NOAA'S MANAGEMENT PLAN

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the review of NOAA's plan for The Management of U.S.S. *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Capt. Evelyn Fields, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA; and John Broadwater, Manager, U.S.S. *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 588, National Discovery Trails Act of 1997; and H.R. 2411, to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission.

RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENT AUTHORITIES ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 6 to 4, closed rule on H.R. 2621, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act of 1997, providing two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer, Representatives Stearns, Hill, Rangel, Cardin, and Boswell.

COUNTDOWN TO KYOTO

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment concluded hearings on the Countdown to Kyoto Part III: The Administration's Global Climate Change Proposal. Testimony was heard from Senator Lieberman; Marc W. Chupka, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

**COMPUTER SECURITY—U.S.
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on the Role of Computer Security in Protecting the U. S. Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from Robert T. Marsh, Chairman, President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection; and public witnesses.

COMMUNITY FLIGHT SAFETY ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action H.R. 2790, Community Flight Safety Act of 1997.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wise and Pascrell; Kelley S. Coyner, Acting Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 7, 1997**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the Department of Energy's Funding of Molten Metal Technology, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to continue hearings on the "White House Compliance with Committee Subpoenas," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, to continue hearings on Campaign Finance Reform, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Bosnia: The U.S. Role, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on combating crimes against children facilitated by the internet, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on the Final Report of the Commission on Immigration Reform, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for October, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Friday, November 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate's program is uncertain.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Friday, November 7

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 2621, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act (closed rule, 2 hours of general debate);

Consideration of Intelligence Authorization Conference Report;

Consideration of H.R. 2616, Charter Schools Amendments Act (Open Rule, One Hour General Debate);

Consideration of H.R. 2232, Radio Free Asia Act of 1997 (Closed Rule, One Hour General Debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 2647, Denial of Normal Commercial Status to the Chinese People's Liberation Army (Modified Closed Rule, One Hour General Debate);



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