HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Department of Defense Appropriations, 1999.
House Committee ordered reported the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

Senate

Chamber Action
Routine Proceedings, pages S9323-S9519

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2371-2394, S. Con. Res. 114-115, and S. Res. 260-263.

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
- S. 442, to establish a national policy against State and local government interference with interstate commerce on the Internet or interactive computer services, and to exercise Congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-276)

Special Report on Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1999. (S. Rept. No. 105-279)

H. R. 3528, to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the use of alternative dispute resolution processes in United States district courts, with amendments.

S. Res. 193, designating December 13, 1998, as “National Children’s Memorial Day”.

S. 1031, to protect Federal law enforcement officers who intervene in certain situations to protect life or prevent bodily injury, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. J. Res. 51, granting the consent of Congress to the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority Compact entered into between the States of Maryland and West Virginia.

Department of Defense Appropriations, 1999:
By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 252), Senate passed H.R. 4103, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2132, Senate companion measure, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Adopted:
- Stevens/Inouye Modified Amendment No. 3391, to provide a 3.6 percent pay raise for military personnel during Fiscal Year 1999.
- Stevens Amendment No. 3392, to provide additional funds for U.S. military operations in Bosnia as an emergency requirement.

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

Adopted:
- Roberts Amendment No. 3393, to impose a limitation on deployments of United States forces to Yugoslavia, Albania, or Macedonia.
- Abraham/Hutchinson Amendment No. 2964, to provide for improved monitoring of human rights in the People's Republic of China.
- Hutchinson Amendment No. 3124, 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 person from entering or remaining in the United States, and to express the sense of the Congress that the President should make freedom of religion one of the major objects of United States foreign policy with respect to China. (By 29 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 248), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 250), Hutchinson Amendment No. 3419 (to Amendment No. 3124), of a perfecting nature.

Hutchinson Amendment No. 3409, to express the Sense of the Congress that the readiness of the United States Armed Forces to execute the National Security Strategy of the United States is eroded from...
a combination of declining defense budget and expanded missions, including the ongoing commitment of U.S. forces to the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia.

Stevens (for Akaka) Amendment No. 3420, to set aside $12,000,000 for continuation of electric and hybrid-electric vehicle development.

Stevens (for Bingaman/Domenici) Amendment No. 3421, to set aside $2,250,000 for the Defense Systems Evaluation program for support of test and training operations at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, and Fort Bliss, Texas.

Stevens (for Cochrane) Amendment No. 3422, to provide $1,000,000 for Acoustic Sensor Technology Development Planning for the Department of Defense.

Stevens (for Domenici/Harkin) Amendment No. 3423, to require the Secretary of Defense to report on food stamp assistance for Armed Forces families, and to require the Comptroller General to study and report on issues relating to the family life, morale, and retention of members of the Armed Forces.

Stevens (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3424, relating to the conveyance of the remaining Army Reserve property at former Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

Stevens (for Gregg) Amendment No. 3425, to require a conveyance of certain property at former Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire.

Stevens (for Hollings) Amendment No. 3426, to make available up to $10,000,000 for the Department of Defense share of environmental restoration at Defense Logistics Agency inventory location 429 (Macalloy site) in Charleston, South Carolina.

Stevens (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3427, to designate funds for a strategic materials manufacturing project.

Stevens (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3428, to designate funds to continue an electronic circuit board manufacturing program.

Stevens Amendment No. 3429, to strike the emergency designation for the funds authorized to be appropriated for the costs of overseas contingency operations.

Stevens (for Coats) Amendment No. 3441, to reduce funds available for development of the Army Joint Tactical Radio and to provide funds for the development of the Army Near Term Digital Radio.

Stevens (for Warner) Amendment No. 3442, to designate Army Digitization funds for development of the Digital Intelligence Situation Mapboard.

Stevens (for Boxer) Amendment No. 3443, to set aside $5,000,000 of Navy research, development, test, and evaluation funds for the Shortstop Electronic Protection System, which is to be developed for use in urban warfare, littoral operations, and peacekeeping operations.

Stevens (for Ford) Amendment No. 3444, to revise and clarify the authority for Federal support of National Guard drug interdiction and counterdrug activities.

Stevens (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3445, to set aside funds for research and surveillance activities relating to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.
Stevens (for Kerry) Amendment No. 3446, to make available $3,000,000 for advanced research relating to solid state dye lasers.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for McCain/Kyl) Amendment No. 3447, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to lease a parcel of real property from the City of Phoenix.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for Kyl) Amendment No. 3448, to designate Army RDT&E funds for integration and evaluation of a passenger safety system for heavy tactical trucks.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for Grassley) Amendment No. 3449, relating to matching disbursements for financial accounting.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3450, to increase the amount provided for research and development relating to Persian Gulf illnesses.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens Amendment No. 3451, to reduce funds available for development of the Navy Hard and Deeply Buried Target Defeat System and to provide funds for the procurement of Joint Tactical Combat Training System (JTCTS) equipment.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 3452, to require a comprehensive assessment of the TRICARE program.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens Amendment No. 3453, to authorize the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force to enter into one or more multiyear leases of non-tactical firefighting, crash rescue, or snow removal equipment.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for Bumpers) Amendment No. 3454, to provide funds for a Domestic Preparedness Sustainment Training Center.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 3455, to ensure that a balanced investment is made in the Aerostat development program.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for Baucus/Burns) Amendment No. 3456, to provide funds for the redevelopment of Havre Air Force Base and Training Site, Montana, for public benefit purposes.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for McCain/Hutchison) Amendment No. 3457, to repeal limitations on authority to set rates and waive requirements for reimbursement of expenses incurred for instruction at service academies of persons from foreign countries.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 3458, to make small businesses eligible to participate in the Indian Subcontracting Incentive Program.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for McConnell/Ford) Amendment No. 3459, to provide for full funding of the testing of six chemical demilitarization technologies under the Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 3460, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of child soldiers in armed conflict.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 3461, to provide that funds available for Pulsed Fast Neutron Analysis Project should be executed through cooperation with the Office of National Drug Control Policy.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for Bennett) Amendment No. 3462, to designate funds for the development and testing of alternate turbine engines for missiles.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for Gramm) Amendment No. 3463, to guarantee the right of all active duty military personnel, merchant mariners, and their dependents to vote in Federal, State, and local elections.  Pages S9375-85

Inouye (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 3464, to provide for the conversion of the Eighth Regiment National Guard Armory into a Chicago Military Academy.  Pages S9375-85

Stevens (for D'Amato) Amendment No. 3466, to require the Air National Guard to provide support for Coast Guard seasonal search and rescue operations at Francis S. Gabreski Airport, Hampton, New York.  Pages S9391, S9393-94

Stevens (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3467, to require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program to donate surplus dental equipment to the Indian Health Service Facilities and to Federally-qualified health centers that serve rural and medically underserved populations.  Pages S9393-94

Stevens (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3468, to require a report on uniformed services dental care policies, practices, and experience pertaining to furnishing of dental services to dependents of members of the uniformed services on active duty.  Pages S9393-94

Stevens (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3469, to make funds available for actions necessary to eliminate the backlog of unpaid retired pay relating to Army service and to report to Congress.  Pages S9393-94

Stevens (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3470, to require the Secretary of Defense to take action to ensure the elimination of the backlog of incomplete actions on requests for replacement medals and replacement of other decorations.  Pages S9393-94

Stevens (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3471, to provide tobacco cessation therapy.  Pages S9393-94

Stevens (for Frist) Amendment No. 3472, to make available funds for procurement of lightweight maintenance enclosures (LME) for the Army and the Marine Corps.  Pages S9393-94

Stevens (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 3473, to require the abatement of hazardous substances at Finley Air Force Station, Finley, North Dakota.  Pages S9393-94

Stevens (for DeWine) Amendment No. 3474, to provide additional resources for enhanced drug interdiction efforts in the Caribbean and South America.  Pages S9393-94

Stevens (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 3475, to provide for enhanced protections of the confidentiality of records of family advocacy services and other professional support services relating to incidents of
sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and intrafamily abuse.\

Robb Amendment No. 3476, to express the sense of the Congress that the United States should resolve the claims of the victims of the U.S. Marine Corps aircraft accident in Cavalese, Italy as quickly and fairly as possible. Pages S9393–94

Leahy Amendment No. 3477, to prohibit the use of funds to support training programs of security forces of a foreign country if such unit has committed a violation of human rights. Pages S9394–95

Stevens (for Santorum) Amendment No. 3394, to add $8,200,000 for procurement of M888, 60-millimeter, high-explosive ammunition for the Marine Corps, and to offset the increase by reducing the amount for Air Force war reserve materials (PE 13950).

Stevens (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 3478, to express the sense of the Senate regarding payroll tax relief. Pages S9403–04

Rejected:

Feingold Amendment No. 3397, to provide additional funds for the Army National Guard operation and maintenance account, and reduce the amount provide for procurement for the F/A-18E/F aircraft program. (By 80 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 247), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S9329–32, S9333–34, S9358

Hutchison Amendment No. 3413, to condition the use of appropriated funds for the purpose of an orderly and honorable reduction of U.S. ground forces in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. (By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 249), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S9344, S9360, S9372–73

Durbin Amendment No. 3465, to prohibit the availability of funds for offensive military operations except in accordance with Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution. (By 84 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 251), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S9386–92

Withdrawn:

Kyl Amendment No. 3398, to limit the use of funds pending establishment of the position of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Technology Security Policy. Pages S9332–33, S9392

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, Hutchison, Inouye, Hollings, Byrd, Leahy, Bumpers, Lautenberg, Harkin, and Dorgan.

Subsequently, S. 2132 was indefinitely postponed. Pages S9417

Department of Transportation Appropriations, 1999: Pursuant to the order of July 23, 1998, Senate passed H.R. 4328, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2307, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate on July 24, 1998. Pages S9389

Also, pursuant to the order of July 23, 1998, passage of S. 2307 was vitiated and the bill was indefinitely postponed. Pages S9389

VA/HUD Appropriations, 1999: Pursuant to the order of July 16, 1998, Senate passed H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2168, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate on July 17, 1998, insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Bond, Burns, Stevens, Shelby, Campbell, Craig, Mikulski, Leahy, Lautenberg, Harkin, and Byrd.

Also, pursuant to the order of July 16, 1998, passage of S. 2168 was vitiated and the bill was indefinitely postponed. Pages S9389

Concurrent Resolution on the Budget: Senate passed H.J. Res. 231, making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for such subsequent years as may be necessary through September 30, 1999, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of H.J. Res. 231, House legislation, and after making certain changes in that text. Pages S9411–14

Pursuant to the order of July 23, 1998, Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 113, providing for a conditional adjournment of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. Page S9407

Emergency Farm Financial Relief: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 2344, to amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to provide for the advance payment, in full, of the fiscal year 1999 payments otherwise required under production flexibility contracts, and the bill was then passed. Pages S9413–16

Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations: Senate passed H.R. 1085, to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36, United States Code, "Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations", clearing the measure for the President. Page S9493

Printing Authority: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 115, to authorize the printing of copies of the publication entitled "The United States Capitol" as a Senate document. Page S9494

Authorizing Payment of Expenses: Senate agreed to S. Res. 263, to authorize the payment of expenses of representatives of the Senate attending the funeral of a Senator. Page S9494

Antitrust Laws/Major League Baseball: Senate passed S. 53, to require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature
of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:  
Jeffords (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3479, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S9494–98

Granting Consent of Congress: Senate passed S. 1134, granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact. Pages S9498–99

Biomaterials Access Assurance Act: Senate passed H.R. 872, to establish rules governing product liability actions against raw materials and bulk component suppliers to medical device manufacturers, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S9500–01

Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act: Senate passed S. 512, to amend chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, relating to identity fraud, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:  
Jeffords (for Kyl) Amendment No. 3480, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S9501–04

Freedom From Government Competition Act: Senate passed S. 314, to provide a process for identifying the functions of the Federal Government that are not inherently governmental functions, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S9504–06

Border Improvement and Immigration Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2920, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to modify the requirements for implementation of an entry-exit control system, and the bill was then passed after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1360, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:  
Jeffords (for Abraham) Amendment No. 3481, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S9506–09

Subsequently, S. 1360 was returned to the Senate Calendar. Page S9510

Steve Schiff Auditorium: Senate passed H.R. 3731, to designate the auditorium located within the Sandia Technology Transfer Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the “Steve Schiff Auditorium”, clearing the measure for the President. Page S9510

Commercial Space Act: Senate passed H.R. 1702, to encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:  
Jeffords (for Frist) Amendment No. 3482, to modify the provisions relating to national launch capability. Page S9515

Job Training Partnership Act—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1385, to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States. Pages S9489–93

Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1999: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2312, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S9356–57

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 3379, to provide for appointment and term length for the staff director and general counsel of the Federal Election Commission. (By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 246), Senate failed to table the amendment.) Pages S9356–57

Glenn Amendment No. 3380, to provide additional funding for enforcement activities of the Federal Election Commission. Page S9356

Graham/Mack Amendment No. 3381, to provide funding for the Central Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. Page S9356

Campbell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 3386, to protect Federal law enforcement officers who intervene in certain situations to protect life or prevent bodily injury. Pages S9356

Harkin Amendment No. 3387, to provide additional funding to reduce methamphetamine usage in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas. Page S9356

Kohl (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 3389, to express the sense of the Senate regarding payroll tax relief. Page S9356

Withdrawn:

Stevens Amendment No. 3385, to provide for an adjustment in the computation of annuities for certain Federal officers and employees relating to average pay determinations. Pages S9356–57

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto. Pages S9357

Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Consent Act Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 629, to grant the consent of Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact. Page S9374

Military Construction Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. Page S9500
Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Scott E. Thomas, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2003.

Darryl R. Wold, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2001.

Raymond L. Bramucci, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Deidre A. Lee, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

Thelma J. Askey, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 16, 2000.

Jennifer Anne Hillman, of Indiana, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2006.

Stephen Koplan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2005.

David M. Mason, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2003.

Rosina M. Bierbaum, of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Diane D. Blair, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2004.

Jonathan H. Spalter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Director of the United States Information Agency.

L. Britt Snider, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

Hugh Q. Parmer, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

Kelley S. Coyner, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation.

Carolyn H. Becraft, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Ruby Butler DeMesme, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Patrick T. Henry, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Karl J. Sandstrom, of Washington, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2001.

Ritajean Hartung Butterworth, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2004.

9 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
79 Army nominations in the rank of general.
11 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Francis M. Allegra, of Virginia, to be Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Legrome D. Davis, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Michael M. Reyna, of California, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2004.

Cardell Cooper, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Charles G. Groat, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

David C. Williams, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury.

Claiborne deB. Pell, of Rhode Island, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Rod Grams, of Minnesota, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Joseph R. Biden, of Delaware, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Joseph E. Stevens, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2003.

Stephen W. Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

Harold Lucas, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following Nominations:

Daryl L. Jones, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force, vice Sheila Widnall, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on October 22, 1997.

Tadd Johnson, of Minnesota, to be Chair of the National Indian Gaming Commission for the term of three years, vice Harold A. Monteau, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on July 31, 1997, and September 2, 1997.
Committee Meetings

OVER-THE-COUNTER DERIVATIVES
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the legal, economic, and regulatory implications of a recently issued Commodity Futures Trading Commission concept release on regulation of over-the-counter derivatives, and on proposed legislation to provide legal certainty to the over-the-counter derivative market, after receiving testimony from Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Arthur Levitt, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Thomas W. Jasper, Salomon Smith Barney, New York, New York, on behalf of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.; and William P. Miller II, The Common Fund, Westport, Connecticut, on behalf of the End-Users of Derivatives Association.

MEDICARE+CHOICE PROGRAM
Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine efforts to implement the Medicare+Choice program which provides new health care options for beneficiaries, receiving testimony from Michel Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Sally Gronda, Tampa Bay Regional Council of Government: Robert A. Landau, Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency; vice Elliott Pearson Laws, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on September 2, 1977.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Romulo L. Diaz, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, and J. Charles Fox, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Water, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Fox was introduced by Senator Sarbanes.

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BUSINESS MEETING
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1405, to provide for improved monetary policy and regulatory reform in financial institution management and activities, to streamline financial regulatory agency actions, and to provide for improved consumer credit disclosure, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

CENSUS 2000
Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of preparations for the Year 2000 Decennial Census, after receiving
testimony from J. Christopher Mihm, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, and Victoria Miller and Bruce Taylor, both Senior Evaluators, all of the General Government Division, General Accounting Office.

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

The nominations of Carl J. Barbier, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana; David R. Herndon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois; Gerald Bruce Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia; Nora M. Manella, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California; Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; Jeanne E. Scott, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois; Patricia A. Seitz, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida; Paul M. Warner, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah; and Howard Hikaru Tagomori, to be United States Marshal for the District of Hawaii;

S. 1031, to protect Federal law enforcement officers who intervene in certain situations to protect life or prevent bodily injury, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3528, to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the use of alternative dispute resolution processes in United States district courts, with amendments;

S.J. Res. 51, granting the consent of Congress to the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority Compact entered into between the States of Maryland and West Virginia; and

S. Res. 193, designating December 13, 1998, as “National Children’s Memorial Day”.

NOMINATIONS
Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Marsha L. Berzon, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; Donovan W. Frank, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota; Richard M. Berman, Alvin K. Hellerstein, Colleen McMahon, and William H. Pauley, III, to be United States District Judges for the Northern District of New York; and Howard Hikaru Tagomori, to be United States Marshal for the District of Hawaii.

S. 1031, to protect Federal law enforcement officers who intervene in certain situations to protect life or prevent bodily injury, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office. The bill was last debated on July 20. Pages H6790–H6817, H6827–51

Agreed To:
The Salmon amendment to the Shays amendment that requires the President to post on the Internet the names of all non-governmental persons who are passengers on Air Force One or Air Force Two within 30 days of the flight; Pages H6790–91

The Linda Smith of Washington amendment that clarifies the term "express advocacy", and provides an exception for voting record and voting guide information. The amendment was debated on July 20 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 343 ayes to 84 noes, Roll No. 361); Pages H6813–14

The Traficant amendment, as modified, to the Shays amendment that requires the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to make a report and recommend to the House concerning any Member who is convicted of accepting a foreign campaign contribution. The report may include a recommendation for expulsion; Pages H6829–30

The Blunt amendment, as modified, to the Shays amendment that specifies that the FEC may not include background music or lyrics to determine whether broadcast advertisement is "express advocacy"; Pages H6830–31

The Shadegg amendment to the Shays amendment that establishes expedited court review of certain alleged violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971; Pages H6834–35

The Stearns amendment to the Shays amendment that establishes criminal penalties for violating the spending limits applicable to the candidate under the Federal Election Campaign Act; and Pages H6840–42

The Gekas amendment, as modified, to the Shays amendment that requires political committees to transfer suspected illegal or improper campaign contributions of over $500 to the Federal Election Commission for evaluation and investigation. Pages H6849–50

Rejected:
The Goodlatte amendment that sought to repeal the requirement for States to provide for voter registration by mail and includes provisions to reform voter registration. The amendment was debated on July 20 (rejected by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 260 noes, Roll N o. 358); Pages H6810–11

The Wicker amendment that sought to permit States to require photo identification before receiving a ballot for voting in an election for Federal office. The amendment was debated on July 20 (rejected by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 359); Pages H6811–12

The Calvert amendment that sought to limit the amount of congressional candidates contributions from individuals not residing in the district or State involved to 50 percent. The amendment was debated on July 20 (rejected by a recorded vote of 147 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 360); Pages H6812–13

The Rohrabacher amendment to the Shays amendment that sought to allow a candidate whose opponent spends more that $1,000 in personal funds to accept contributions from any legal source up to the same level as the opponent spends in personal funds (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 362); Pages H6791–93, H6814–15

The Paul amendment to the Shays amendment that sought to establish minimum ballot petition signature limits and restrict the imposition of the signature requirements imposed by states (rejected by a recorded vote of 62 ayes to 363 noes, Roll No. 363); Pages H6793–96, H6815

The Paul amendment to the Shays amendment that sought to require that candidates who receive campaign financing from the Presidential Election Campaign Fund agree not to participate in multicandidate forums that exclude candidates with broad-based public support (rejected by a recorded vote of 88 ayes to 337 noes, Roll No. 364); Pages H6796–98, H6815–16

The DeLay amendment to the Shays amendment that sought to clarify that certain communications from citizen groups are exempt from express advocacy requirements (rejected by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 241 noes, Roll N o. 365); Pages H6798–H6803, H6816–17

The Peterson of Pennsylvania amendment to the Shays amendment that sought to establish a voter eligibility pilot confirmation program to verify citizenship (rejected by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 260 noes, Roll N o. 366); Pages H6803–10, H6817

Voting postponed on the following:
The Barr amendment to the Shays amendment that prohibits the use of bilingual voting materials; Pages H6827–29

The McIntosh amendment to the Shays amendment that specifies that a communication with a Senator or Member of the House of Representatives regarding a pending legislative matter to be construed as to establish coordination with a candidate; Pages H6831–32

The Horn amendment to the Shays amendment that allows reduced postage rates for principal campaign committees of congressional candidates; Pages H6832–34

The Shaw amendment to the Shays amendment that requires at least 50 percent of contributions accepted by House candidates to come from in-state residents; Pages H6835–36

The Kaptur amendment, as modified, to the Shays amendment that establishes a clearinghouse of information on political activities within the Federal Election Commission; Pages H6837–40

The Stearns amendment to the Shays amendment that allows permanent resident aliens serving in the armed forces to make campaign contributions; Pages H6842–43
The Stearns amendment to the Shays amendment that requires any candidate for President or Vice President to certify that the candidate will not solicit soft money; Pages H6843–44

The Whitfield amendment to the Shays amendment that increases the contribution limit to candidates from individuals from $1,000 to $3,000; Pages H6844–45

The Whitfield amendment to the Shays amendment that defines “express advocacy” as a communication that advocates the election or defeat of a candidate by containing a phrase such as “vote for”, “reelect”, or “defeat”; and Pages H6846–47

The English of Pennsylvania amendment to the Shays amendment that prohibits the bundling of contributions. Pages H6847–49

The House is considering the bill pursuant to the unanimous consent order of July 17 and H. Res. 442 and H. Res. 458, the rules providing for consideration of the bill.

The House passed H.R. 4237, to amend the District of Columbia Convention Center and Sports Arena Authorization Act of 1995 to revise the revenues and activities covered under such act. Pages H6826–27

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H 6753 and H 6827.

Referrals: S. Con. Res. 97 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. Page H6818

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H 6820–23.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H 6780–81, H 6781, H 6811, H 6812, H 6813, H 6814, H 6814–15, H 6815, H 6816, H 6816–17, and H 6817. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 12:29 a.m. on July 31.

Committee Meetings

FARM ECONOMY
Committee on Agriculture. Held a hearing to review the state of the farm economy. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS; SUBDIVISION ALLOCATIONS
Committee on Appropriations. Ordered reported the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1999. The Committee also approved revised Section 302(b) Subdivision allocations.

FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC—HUD’S ROLE AS MISSION REGULATOR
Committee on Banking and Financial Services. Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on a GAO Study of HUD’s Role as Mission Regulator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Testimony was heard from Nancy Kingsbury, Assistant Comptroller General, General Government Division, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Ira G. Peppercorn, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Housing; and Mark Kinsey, Acting Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.

FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT REVIEW
Committee on Education and Workforce. Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing to review the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT
Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 3921, Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman and Hoyer; Robert Childree, Comptroller, State of Alabama; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS
Committee on House Oversight. Ordered reported H. Res. 506, providing amounts for further expenses of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in the second session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress. The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

OVERSIGHT—CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES USED TO COMMIT DATE RAPE
Committee on the Judiciary. Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on the use of controlled substances used to commit date rape. Testimony was heard from John H. King, III, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, DEA, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

BUREAU OF ENFORCEMENT AND BORDER AFFAIRS; PRIVATE IMMIGRATION BILL
Committee on the Judiciary. Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 4264, to establish the Bureau of Enforcement and Border Affairs within the Department of Justice. The Subcommittee also approved a motion requesting a report from the Immigration and Naturalization Service on a private immigration bill.
OCEANOGRAPHIC MONITORING STATUS
Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the status of oceanographic monitoring and assessment efforts on both global and local scales. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; Rita Colwell, Director, NSF; Rear Adm. Paul G. Gaffney, II, USN, Chief, Naval Research, Department of the Navy; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT PARITY
Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on National Environmental Policy Act Parity. Testimony was heard from Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Ted Ferroli, Senator, State of Oregon; L. Earl Peterson, State Forester, Division of Forestry, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION ACT
Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 3736, Workforce Improvement and Protection Act of 1998. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill in the House. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, the amendment printed in the Congressional Record numbered 1 shall be considered as adopted. The rule makes in order the further amendment printed in the Congressional Record numbered 2, which will be in order without the intervention of any point of order, and will be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Smith of Texas and Watt of North Carolina.

AFRICAN AVIATION INITIATIVE; AVIATION BILATERAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT; TRANSATLANTIC ALLIANCES
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Department of Transportation’s African Aviation Initiative, H.R. 3741, Aviation Bilateral Accountability Act of 1998, and European Commission’s preliminary position on 2 transatlantic alliances. Testimony was heard from Rodney Slater, Secretary of Transportation; and public witnesses.

FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE
Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Fatherhood Initiative. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1998
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 9 a.m., SR-332.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on mandatory arbitration agreements in employment contracts in the securities industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.
Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine issues with regard to physician assisted suicide, 10 a.m., SD-226.
Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem, to hold hearings to examine the Y2K status of the telecommunications industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

House
Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, hearing on Solving the Cancer Crisis: Comprehensive Research, Coordination and Care, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Friday, July 31

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate may consider any cleared executive or legislative items.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
1 p.m., Friday, July 31

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 2183, Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act of 1997 (vote on pending amendments).