

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5889–S5978*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1113–1123, S.J. Res. 25–26, and S. Con. Res. 34. **Pages S5953–54**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled “Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals.” (S. Rept. No. 106–52)

S. 1122, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. (S. Rept. No. 106–53)

H.R. 1664, making emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations, refugee relief, and humanitarian assistance relating to the conflict in Kosovo, and for military operations in Southwest Asia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, with amendments. **Pages S5952–53**

#### Measures Passed:

**Fastener Quality Act Amendments Act:** Senate passed H.R. 1183, to amend the Fastener Quality Act to strengthen the protection against the sale of mismarked, misrepresented, and counterfeit fasteners and eliminate unnecessary requirements, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5978**

**Department of Defense Authorization:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5889–S5948**

#### Adopted:

Wellstone Amendment No. 380, to expand the list of diseases presumed to be service-connected for radiation-exposed veterans. **Pages S5890, S5907–11**

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 381, to require the Secretary of Defense to provide information and guidance to the public regarding environmental contamination at United States military installations formerly operated by the United States that have been closed. **Pages S5890, S5905–06**

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 142), Roth Amendment No. 388, to request the President to advance the late Rear Admiral (retired) Husband E. Kimmel on the retired list of the Navy to the highest grade held as Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, during World War II, and to advance the late Major General (retired) Walter C. Short on the retired list of the Army to the highest grade held as Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, during World War II, as was done under the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 for all other senior officers who served in positions of command during World War II. **Pages S5890–96, S5915–16**

By 87 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 143), Roberts/Warner Modified Amendment No. 377, relating to the legal effect of the new Strategic Concept of NATO (the document approved by the Heads of State and Government participating in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Washington, D.C., on April 23 and 24, 1999). **Pages S5890, S5896–S5905, S5906–07, S5916–17**

#### Rejected:

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 144), Wellstone Amendment No. 382, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide Congress with information to evaluate the outcome of welfare reform. **Pages S5890, S5911–15, S5917–18**

Specter Modified Amendment No. 383, to limit the deployment of United States ground troops in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. (By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 145), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5890, S5918–28, S5938–40**

By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 146), Gramm Amendment No. 392, to delete certain provisions relating to the safety and security of America’s federal prisons. **Pages S5928–38, S5940**

#### Pending:

McCain/Levin Amendment No. 393, to provide authority to carry out base closure round commencing in 2001. **Page S5940**

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

By unanimous-consent, the following amendment was incorporated into the text of Amendment No. 377 (listed above): Warner Amendment No. 378 (to Amendment No. 377), to require the President to

submit to the Senate a report containing an analysis of the potential threats facing NATO in the first decade of the next millennium, with particular reference to those threats facing a member nation or several member nations where the commitment of NATO forces will be “out of area”, or beyond the borders of NATO member nations. **Page S5890**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and Amendment No. 393, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, with a vote to occur on Amendment No. 393 at 1:45 p.m., on Wednesday, May 26, 1999. **Page S5940**

<b>Communications:</b>	<b>Pages S5949–51</b>
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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—146) **Pages S5915–18, S5940**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 26, 1999. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5978.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for energy and water development programs.

### APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Transportation and related agencies.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE/EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 1122) making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense; and

H.R. 1664, making emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations, refugee relief, and humanitarian assistance relating to the conflict in Kosovo, and for military operations in Southwest Asia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, with amendments.

Also, committee completed its review of subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Ikram U. Khan, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and 224 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

### RETAIL ELECTRICITY COMPETITION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee held oversight hearings on State progress in retail electricity competition, receiving testimony from Marsha H. Smith, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Boise, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; B.J. Helton, Kentucky Public Service Commission, Frankfort, on behalf of the Low Cost Electricity States Initiative; Roger Hamilton, Oregon Public Utility Commission, Salem; Maureen O. Helmer, New York Public Utility Commission, Albany; Benjamin F. Montoya, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Albuquerque, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute and Alliance for Competitive Electricity; P. Chrisman Iribe, U.S. Generating Company, Bethesda, Maryland; Jan Schori, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Sacramento, California; and Irwin A. Popowsky, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate, Harrisburg.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### NATIONAL PARKS/HISTORIC PRESERVATION/RECREATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 140, to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System, S. 734, entitled the “National Discovery Trails Act of 1999”, S. 762, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility

study on the inclusion of the Miami Circle in Biscayne National Park, S. 938, to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, S. 939, to correct spelling errors in the statutory designations of Hawaiian National Parks, S. 946, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center, and S. 955, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation, after receiving testimony from Katherine Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Lewis J. Bellardo, Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Record Administration; Robert S. Carr, Miami Circle Discovery, Miami, Florida; and Reese F. Lukei, American Discovery Trail Society, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

#### AUTHORIZATION—SUPERFUND

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee held hearings on S. 1090, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980, receiving testimony from Mayor Jim Marshall, Macon, Georgia, on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; Mayor Thomas Suozzi, Glen Cove, New York, on behalf of the American Communities for Cleanup Equity; Tom Curtis, National Governors' Association, Karen Florini, Environmental Defense Fund, and Red Cavaney, American Petroleum Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Claudia Kerbawy, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Lansing, on behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials; Gordon J. Johnson, New York State Assistant Attorney General, Albany, on behalf of the National Association of Attorneys General; Bernard J. Reilly, Du Pont De Nemours E.I. & Co., Wilmington, Delaware, on behalf of the Chemical Manufacturers Association; Mark Gregor, Rochester, New York, on behalf of the National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals; Mike Nobis, J. K. Creative Printers, Quincy, Illinois, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Mike Ford, Mike Ford Agency, Clark, New Jersey, on behalf of the National Association of Realtors; and Wilma Subra, Subra Company, New Iberia, Louisiana.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### U.S. CUSTOMS OPERATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee resumed hearings on the enforcement activities of the U.S. Customs Service, focusing on how the Custom Services is ensuring effectiveness, integrity, and accountability in customs operations, receiving testimony from Michael C. Tarr, Acting Assistant Inspector General, William A. Keefer, Assistant Commissioner, and Vincent J. Parolisi, Director, Narcotics and Currency Inspection, both of the Office of Internal Affairs, U.S. Customs Service, all of the Department of the Treasury; Milton Mollen, Graubard, Mollen and Miller, New York, New York; Jack O. Bradshaw, Motorola, Inc., Schaumburg, Illinois; John S. Moore, Siecor Corp., Hickory, North Carolina; and Jerry Cook, Sara Lee Branded Apparel, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### POLITICAL AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings on political and military developments in India and their implications for American policy, after receiving testimony from Karl Frederick Inderfurth, Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs; Frank G. Wisner, American International Group, Inc., New York, New York; and Stephen P. Cohen, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

#### ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE TREATY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held hearings to examine the legal status of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, receiving testimony from Douglas J. Feith, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Negotiation Policy, and George Miron, both of Feith and Zell, and David B. Rivkin, Jr., and Lee A. Casey, both of Hunton and Williams, all of Washington, D.C.; and Michael J. Glennon, University of California School of Law, Davis.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### COPYRIGHT AND DIGITAL DISTANCE EDUCATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings to review the Library of Congress Copyright Office report on copyright and digital distance education, after receiving testimony from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights/Associate Librarian for Copyright Services, United States Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

#### EDUCATION AND BUSINESS SUCCESS

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee held hearings to examine the effect of the level of academic competence achieved by high school graduates on the

success of future entrepreneurs, small businesses, and the workforce, receiving testimony from Eric Rolfe Greenberg, American Management Association, International, New York, New York; Carol L. Ball, Ball Publishing, Inc., Greenville, Ohio, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Barbara Seisler Goodling, Albert Seisler Machine Corporation, Mohnton, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Edward B. Rust, Jr., State Farm Insurance Companies, Bloomington, Illinois, on behalf of the National Alliance of Business and the Business Roundtable; and Kelly Fujiwara, Lexington/Rockbridge Chamber of Commerce, Lexington, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### COMMUNITY Y2K PREPAREDNESS

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* Committee concluded hearings to explore individual

and community Y2K preparedness, and the media's role in providing Y2K information, after receiving testimony from Edward Yourdon, Cutter Consortium, Taos, New Mexico; Paloma O'Riley, Cassandra Project, Louiseville, Colorado; Liza K. Christian, Rogue Valley Y2K Task Force, Ashland, Oregon; Michael Nolan, City of Norfolk, Nebraska; Cathy Hotka, National Retail Federation, and Barbara Cochran, Radio-Television News Directors Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Lawrence T. McGill and Kerry Brock, both of the Media Studies Center, New York, New York; James Adams, Infrastructure Defense, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; and Rich Jaroslovsky, Wall Street Journal Interactive Edition, New York, New York, on behalf of the Online News Association.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 37 public bills, H.R. 1915–1941; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 112–118 and H. Res. 187–188, were introduced. **Pages H3604–05**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2000 (H. Rept. 106–163);

H. Res. 189, providing for consideration of H.R. 150, to amend the Act popularly known as the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to authorize disposal of certain public lands or national forest lands to local education agencies for use for elementary or secondary schools, including public charter schools (H. Rept. 106–164); and

H. Res. 190, providing for consideration of H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–165). **Pages H3603–04**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:27 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H3510**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*The Missing, Exploited, and Runaway Children Protection Act:* S. 249, amended, to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (passed by a ye and nay vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 148); **Pages H3513–21, H3538–39**

*Drug Free Borders and Prevention of On-Line Child Pornography:* H.R. 1833, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the United States Customs Service for drug interdiction and other operations, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, for the United States International Trade Commission (passed by a ye and nay vote of 410 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 149); and **Pages H3521–29, H3539**

*Tenth Anniversary of Tiananmen Square Massacre:* H. Res. 178, concerning the tenth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre of June 4, 1989, in the People's Republic of China (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 150). **Pages H3529–35, H3540**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 188, electing Representatives Berkley and Udall of Colorado to the Committee on Small Business. **Page H3540**

**Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:** The Chair announced the Minority Leader's appointment of Dr. Joseph Cooper of Baltimore, Maryland to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page H3540**

**Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations:** The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 2000. Consideration will resume on May 26.

Pages H3540–84

Agreed to:

The Coburn amendment that reduces funding for the Chief Information Officer by \$500,000 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 239 yeas to 177 noes with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 154); and

Pages H3553–65

The Sanders amendment that reduces funding for the Agricultural Research Service by \$13,000,000 and increases funding for the commodity assistance program by \$10,000,000.

Pages H3580–82

Rejected:

The Coburn amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Budget and Program Analysis by \$463,000 (rejected by a recorded vote of 133 yeas to 285 noes, Roll No. 152);

Pages H3550–52

The Coburn amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Budget and Program Analysis, by \$231,000 (rejected by a recorded vote of 146 yeas to 267 noes, Roll No. 153);

Pages H3552–53

The Sanford amendment that sought to reduce funding for the operation, maintenance, and repair of Agriculture buildings by \$21,695,000 (rejected by a recorded vote of 143 yeas to 274 noes, Roll No. 155);

Pages H3566–73, H3582–83

The Coburn amendment that sought to reduce funding for Departmental Administration by \$3,049,000 (rejected by a recorded vote of 129 yeas to 289 noes, Roll No. 156); and

Pages H3573–78, H3583

The Coburn amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics by \$400,000 (rejected by a recorded vote of 139 yeas to 278 noes, Roll No. 157).

Pages H3578–79, H3583–84

Withdrawn:

The Coburn amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to reduce funding for Economic Research Service by \$4,509,000.

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H. Res. 185, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a yeas and nay vote of 402 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 147.

Pages H3536–38

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3606–07.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One quorum call (Roll No. 151), four yeas and nay votes, and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3538, H3538–39, H3539, H3540, H3551–52, H3552, H3553, H3564–65, H3582–83, H3583, and H3583–84.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

*Committee on the Budget:* Task Force on Social Security held a hearing on International Social Security Reform. Testimony was heard from Dan Crippen, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

### Y2K AND MEDICAL DEVICES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on Y2K and Medical Devices: Screening for the Y2K Bug. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: William Hubbard, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Policy; and Thomas Shope, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Science and Technology, Center for Devices and Radiological Health; Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Practices held a hearing on H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFF) Act. Testimony was heard from Ronald D. Lee, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Barbara McNamara, Deputy Director, NSA, Department of Defense; William Reinsch, Under Secretary, Commerce, Export Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### EDUCATION REFORM

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Education Reform: Putting the Needs of Our Children First. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered the following measures and adopted motions urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 1908, amended, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries; H. Res. 178, concerning the tenth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre of June 4, 1989, in the People's Republic of China; and H. Res. 168, recognizing the Foreign

Service of the United States on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

### **ETHIOPIA-ERITREA WAR**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on the Ethiopia-Eritrea War: U.S. Policy Options. Testimony was heard from Susan Rice, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—FCC LICENSE TRANSFER PROCEEDINGS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on Novel Procedures in FCC License Transfer Proceedings. Testimony was heard from Harold Furchtgott-Roth, Commissioner, FCC; and public witnesses.

### **METHANE HYDRATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1753, (and S. 330) Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Doyle; Timothy S. Collett, Research Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Robert S. Kripowicz, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; Bilal U. Haq, Division of Ocean Sciences, NSF; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on the Role of the National Forests in the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Testimony was heard from Paul Brouha, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on New NPS Methodology used to evaluate the achievement of natural quiet restoration standards in Grand Canyon National Park. Testimony was heard from Representative Berkeley; Jackie Lowey, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; David Traynham, Assistant Administrator, Policy, Planning and International Aviation, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### **LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted by voice vote a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending Sep-

tember 30, 2000, divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 306 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee) or section 401 (prohibiting consideration of budget related legislation, as reported, that is not subject to appropriations) of the Congressional Budget Act. The rule also waives all points of order against provisions of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill) except as specified in the rule. The rule makes in order only the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, and pro forma amendments offered by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate. The rule waives points of order against the amendment printed in the report for failure to comply with clause 2 of Rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill). The rule provides that the amendment made in order may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor of North Carolina, Castle, Shays, Camp, Pastor, Hoyer, Farr of California, Lowey, DeLauro, and Weiner.

### **EDUCATION LAND GRANT ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 150, Education Land Grant Act, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule makes in order the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to

reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Representatives Hansen and Hayworth.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 1655, Department of Energy Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1999.

The Committee also began mark up of H.R. 1742, Environmental Protection Agency Office of Research and Development and Science Advisory Board Authorization Act of 1999.

The Committee recessed subject to call.

### SMALL BUSINESS REVIEW PANEL TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS ACT

*Committee on Small Business:* Ordered reported H.R. 1882, Small Business Review Panel Technical Amendments Act of 1999.

### WELFARE TO WORK

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Empowerment held a hearing on "Welfare To Work: What Is Working, What Is Next?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TAX CODE COMPLEXITY—INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the impact of complexity in the tax code for individual taxpayers and small businesses. Testimony was heard from W. Val Oveson, National Taxpayer Advocate, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### ALLEGATIONS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG TRAFFICKING IN CALIFORNIA

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Allegations of CIA Involvement in Drug Trafficking in California. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D540)

H.R. 432, to designate the North/South Center as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center. Signed May 21, 1999. (P.L. 106-29)

H.R. 669, to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act. Signed May 21, 1999. (P.L. 106-30)

H.R. 1141, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. Signed May 21, 1999. (P.L. 106-31)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the live stock industry, including mandatory pricing and country of origin labeling; and to hold a business meeting to consider S. 566, to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to exempt agricultural commodities, livestock, and value-added products from unilateral economic sanctions, to prepare for future bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations affecting United States agriculture; S. 604, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to complete a land exchange with Georgia Power Company; and the nomination of Thomas J. Erickson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 9 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings to examine the private sector's voluntary corporate bond price transparency initiative coordinated by the Bond Market Association (Corporate Trades 1), 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold oversight hearings on activities of the Federal Communications Commission, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 510, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to resume hearings on Medicare reform issues, focusing on the work of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine a protocol to reconstitute the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty with four new partners, 10:15 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings on the report of the House Select Committee on United States National Security and Military/Commercial concerns with the People's Republic of China, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training, to hold hearings on issues relating to mine safety and proposed legislation making mine operators and regulators responsible for listening to each other and shaping effective regulations, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: to hold oversight hearings on Native American Youth Activities and Initiatives, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine immigrant contributions to the United States Armed Forces, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, business meeting to consider S.J. Res.3, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, 2 p.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit, hearing to review the effects of electric deregulation on rural areas and an examination of legislative proposals, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, hearing and mark up of the following bills: H.R. 629, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Amendments Act of 1999; and H.R. 413, Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to continue hearings on Electricity Competition, focusing on State Restructuring Efforts and Consumer Protection Issues, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to continue hearings on H.R. 1790, Chemical Safety Information and Site Security Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing on a Review of the Department of Energy's Deployment of DOE-Funded Environmental Cleanup Technologies, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Combating Terrorism: Proposed Trans-

fer of the Domestic Preparedness Program to the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 1691, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, oversight hearing on Use of Land and Money Mitigation Requirement in ESA Enforcement, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal years 2000 and 2001, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

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**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 1059, Department of Defense Authorization, with a vote to occur on Amendment No. 393 at 1:45 p.m.

### House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 1906, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2000 (complete consideration);

Consideration of H.R. 1259, Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act of 1999 (closed rule, two hours of general debate); and

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