

Wednesday, May 26, 1999

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 1259, Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act.

House Committees order reported 11 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5979–S6158*

**Measures Introduced:** Eighteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1124–1141, S. Res. 108, and S. Con. Res. 35. **Pages S6049–50**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 1134, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts. (S. Rept. No. 106–54)

**Measures Passed:**

**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 35, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

**Pages S6011–12**

**Nonnavigable Waters Designation:** Senate passed H.R. 1034, to declare a portion of the James River and Kanawha Canal in Richmond, Virginia, to be nonnavigable waters of the United States for purposes of title 46, United States Code, and the other maritime laws of the United States, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6153**

**Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1121, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newnan, Georgia, as the “Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6153**

**Department of Defense Authorization:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1059, to authorize ap-

propriations 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 S5982–S6042**

**Adopted:**

Gramm Amendment No. 392, to delete certain provisions relating to the safety and security of America’s federal prisons. **Page S6025**

**Rejected:**

By 40 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 147), McCain/Levin Amendment No. 393, to provide authority to carry out base closure round commencing in 2001.

**Pages S5982, S5995–S6010**

Murray/Snowe Amendment No. 397, to repeal the restriction on use of Department of Defense facilities for privately funded abortions. (By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 148), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S6012–19**

Kerrey Amendment No. 395, to strike certain provisions relating to a limitation on retirement or dismantlement of strategic nuclear delivery systems. (By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 149),

**Pages S5986–95, S6019–24**

Smith (of N.H.) Amendment No. 406, to prohibit, effective October 1, 1999, the use of funds for military operations in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) unless Congress enacts specific authorization in law for the conduct of those operations. (By 77 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 151), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6034–40**

**Withdrawn:**

Smith (of N.H.) Amendment No. 405, to express the sense of Congress with respect to the court-martial conviction of the late Rear Admiral Charles Butler McVay, III, and to call upon the President to

award a Presidential Unit Citation to the final crew of the U.S.S. *Indianapolis*. Pages S6031–34

Pending:

Lott Amendment No. 394, to improve the monitoring of the export of advanced satellite technology, to require annual reports with respect to Taiwan, and to improve the provisions relating to safeguards, security, and counterintelligence at Department of Energy facilities. Pages S5982–86

Allard/Harkin Amendment No. 396, to express the sense of Congress that no major change to the governance structure of the Civil Air Patrol should be mandated by Congress until a review of potential improvements in the management and oversight of Civil Air Patrol operations is conducted.

Pages S6010–11, S6025–30

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

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 150), Senate agreed to a motion to reconsider Vote No. 146, which occurred on Tuesday, May 25, 1999, by which the Gramm Amendment No. 392, to delete certain provisions relating to the safety and security of America's federal prisons, was not agreed to. (Subsequently, Gramm Amendment No. 392 was adopted by voice vote, as listed above.) Page S6025

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and pending Amendment No. 396, with a vote to occur on the amendment at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 27, 1999. Pages S6040, S6155

### Appointment:

**American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94–201, as amended by Public Law 105–275, appointed the following individuals as members of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: Janet L. Brown, of South Dakota, and Mickey Hart, of California. Page S6153

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a report on the National Emergency with Respect to Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–33).

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a report on the National Emergency with Respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–34).

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

Kent M. Wiedemann, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Hiram E. Puig-Lugo, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Stephen H. Glickman, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Eric T. Washington, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Lorraine Pratte Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of Education.

Ikram U. Khan, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring May 1, 1999.

Ikram U. Khan, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring May 1, 2005.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

17 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

10 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. Pages S6153–55, S6157–58

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

A. Peter Burleigh, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Palau.

Alberto J. Mora, of Florida, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2000. (Reappointment)

Mary Sheila Gall, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 1998.

39 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, Air Force, and Navy. Page S6157

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Myrta K. Sale, of Maryland, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, vice G. Edward DeSeve, which was sent to the Senate on January 7, 1999.

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**Measures Placed on Calendar:**

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**Communications:**

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**Executive Reports of Committees:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages S6071–72  
**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S6073–80  
**Authority for Committees:** Page S6080  
**Additional Statements:** Pages S6080–85  
**Text of S. 254 as Previously Passed:**

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**Explanatory Statement on H.R. 1664, as Previously Reported:** Pages S6042–43

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—151) Pages S6010, S6019, S6024–25, S6040

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 27, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6155.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the livestock industry, including mandatory pricing and country of origin labeling, receiving testimony from Representative Chenoweth; Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; George Swan, House Creek Ranch, Rogerson, Idaho, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; John McNutt, Iowa City, Iowa, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Frank Moore, Douglas, Wyoming, on behalf of the American Sheep Industry Association, Inc.; Harry L. Pearson, Indiana Farm Bureau, Hartford City, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Phillip Klutts, Oklahoma Farmers Union, Oklahoma City, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; Robert P. Mack, Mack Farms, Watertown, South Dakota; Bruce Bass, IBP, Inc., Dakota Dunes, South Dakota; Rosemary Mucklow, National Meat Association, Oakland, California; Steven C. Anderson, American Frozen Food Institute, McLean, Virginia; Raymond M. Stewart, Hy-Vee, Inc., West Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the Food Marketing Institute; and J. Patrick Boyle, American Meat Institute, Arlington, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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 multi-

lateral trade negotiations affecting United States agriculture, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 604, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to complete a land exchange with Georgia Power Company;

The nomination of Thomas J. Erickson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

### CORPORATE BOND PRICE TRANSPARENCY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities concluded hearings to examine the private sector's voluntary corporate bond price transparency initiative coordinated by the Bond Market Association (Corporate Trades 1), after receiving testimony from Nelson D. Civallo, Bond Market Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on the activities of the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from William E. Kennard, Chairman, and Susan Ness, Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth, Michael K. Powell, and Gloria Tristani, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.

### AMERICAN LAND SOVEREIGNTY ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Representative Chenoweth; Melinda L. Kimble, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Steven C. Borell, Alaska Miners Association, Anchorage, Alaska; Jeremy Rabkin, Cornell University Department of Government, Ithaca, New York; Carol W. LaGrasse, Property Rights Foundation of America, Stony Creek, New York; and Kathleen Benedetto, National Wilderness Institute, Washington, D.C.

### MEDICARE REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings on Medicare reform issues, focusing on the work of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare, receiving testimony from Senator Breaux; Representative Thomas; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues,

Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Bruce C. Vladeck, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York, New York, former Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Deborah Steelman, Steelman Health Strategies, and David B. Kendall, Progressive Policy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kenneth E. Thorpe, Tulane University Institute of Health Services Research, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE TREATY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine a protocol to reconstitute the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty with four new partners, after receiving testimony from Henry A. Kissinger, Kissinger and Associates, New York, New York, former Secretary of State.

#### NATIONAL SECURITY AND MILITARY COMMERCIAL CONCERNS WITH CHINA

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine the unclassified report of the House Select Committee on United States National Security and Military/Commercial concerns with the People's Republic of China, after receiving testimony from Representatives Cox and Dicks.

#### IMMIGRANT'S CONTRIBUTION TO ARMED FORCES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings to examine immigrant American's contribution to the Armed Forces and national defense, after receiving testimony from Erick A. Mogollon, Groton, Connecticut, Senior Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy; Charles MacGillivray, Braintree, Massachusetts, former Army Sergeant, Company I, 71st Infantry, 44th Infantry Division; and Elmer R. Compton, Evansville, Indiana, former Army Sergeant, and Alfred Rascon, Laurel, Maryland, former Army Specialist Four, both of

the 173rd Airborne Brigade, 1st Battalion Recon Platoon.

#### FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training held hearings on issues relating to mine safety and proposed legislation to amend the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, to establish a more cooperative and effective method for rulemaking that takes into account the special needs and concerns of smaller miners, receiving testimony from J. Davitt McAteer, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health; Tom Thorson, Black Hills Bentonite, Mills, Wyoming; Steve Minshall, Ash Grove Cement Company, Overland Park, Kansas, on behalf of the American Portland Cement Alliance; Joseph A. Main, United Mine Workers of America, and Bruce H. Watzman, National Mining Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kim Snyder, Eastern Industries, Inc., Center Valley, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Stone Association.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to discuss Native American youth activities and initiatives within the Bureau of Indian Affairs, after receiving testimony from Dominic Nessi, Acting Director, Office of Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Manne Lasiloo, United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY), Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Delwyn Holthusen, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Red Lake, Minnesota; Paula Healy, Fort Belknap, Montana, on behalf of the National American Indian Business Leaders Board; Daniel N. Lewis, Bank of America, Phoenix, Arizona, on behalf of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America; and Notah Begay, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

#### 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:** 30 public bills, H.R. 1942–1971, 1 private bill, H.R. 1972; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 119–120 and H. Res. 191–194, were introduced. Pages H3693–94

**Reports Filed:** One report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 195, providing for consideration of H.R. 1401, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 (H. Rept. 106–166); Page H3693

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Sununu to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H3609

**Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations:** The House resumed consideration of 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. The House completed general debate and considered amendments on May 25. Pages H3614–49

Rejected:

The Coburn amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Agriculture Research Service by \$50.8 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 35 yeas to 390 noes, Roll No. 158); Pages H3622–25, H3645

The Coburn amendment that sought to reduce funding for special grants for agricultural research on climate change by \$1 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 93 yeas to 330 noes, Roll No. 159); Pages H3625–32, H3645–46

The Sanford amendment that sought to reduce funding for special grants for agricultural research on wood by \$5.1 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 79 yeas to 348 noes, Roll No. 160); and Pages H3632–38, H3646–47

The Coburn amendment that sought to reduce funding for research and education activities for peanut research by \$300,000 (rejected by a recorded vote of 119 yeas to 308 noes, Roll No. 161). Pages H3639–45, H3647

Withdrawn:

The Kucinich amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to allocate \$100,000 to the Agriculture Research Center for a study on the effects of pollen on butterflies; and Pages H3621–22

The Coburn amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to reduce funding for agricultural research grants by \$300,000. Pages H3638–39

H. Res. 185, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on May 25.

**Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act:** The House passed H.R. 1259, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms by a yeas and nays vote of 416 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 164. Pages H3657–79

Rejected the Rangel motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with amendments to preserve budget surpluses until Social Security and Medicare Solvency Legislation is enacted by a yeas and nays vote of 205 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 163. Pages H3675–78

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 186, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a yeas and nays vote of 223 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 162. The amendment to H.R. 1259, as specified in section 2 of the rule, was considered as adopted. Pages H3649–56

**Memorial Day District Work Period:** The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 35, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives by a yeas and nays vote of 249 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 165. Pages H3679–80

**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**National Emergency Re Iran:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–73); and Page H3680

**National Emergency Re Burma:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–74); Page H3680

**Clerk of the House Designation:** Read a letter from the Clerk wherein he designated, in addition to Gerasimos C. Vans, Assistant to the Clerk, Daniel J. Strodel, Assistant to the Clerk to sign any and all papers and do all other acts under the name of the

Clerk of the House in case of the Clerk's temporary absence or disability. Page H3680

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened at 12:33 a.m. on May 27. Page H3690

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H3609 and H3657.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H3695.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea and nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on page H3645, H3646, H3646-47, H3647, H3656, H3678, H3678-79, and H3679-80. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:34 a.m. on May 27.

## Committee Meetings

### RURAL AREAS—ELECTRIC DEREGULATION EFFECTS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit held a hearing to review the effects of electric deregulation on rural areas and an examination of legislative proposals. Testimony was heard from Wally Beyer, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, USDA; Mark Mazur, Director, Office of Policy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Ordered reported 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.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on these measures. Testimony was heard from Senator Kennedy; Representative Rush; Gary Gensler, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### ELECTRICITY COMPETITION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued hearings on Electricity Competition, focusing on State Restructuring Efforts and Consumer Protection Issues. Testimony was heard from Elaine Kolish, Associate Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Mary Ellen Burns, Assistant Attorney General in Charge, Bureau of Energy and Telecommunications, State of New York; and public witnesses.

### CHEMICAL SAFETY INFORMATION AND SITE SECURITY ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment concluded hearings on H.R. 1790, Chemical Safety Information and Site Security Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Leon G. Billings, member, House of Delegates, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

### DOE'S-FUNDED ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP TECHNOLOGIES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on a Review of the Department of Energy's Deployment of DOE-Funded Environmental Cleanup Technologies. Testimony was heard from Representative Hastings of Washington; Gary L. Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Sciences Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary; James Owendoff, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; and Gerald Boyd, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Science and Technology; and public witnesses.

### COMBATING TERRORISM

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veteran's Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on Combating Terrorism: Proposed Transfer of the Domestic Preparedness Program to the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Charles L. Cragin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs, Department of Defense; Andy Mitchell, Deputy Director, Office for State and Local Domestic Preparedness Support, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; and the following officials of the FEMA: Barbara Y. Martinez, Deputy Director, National Domestic Preparedness Office; and Catherine Light, Director, Office of National Security Affairs.

### COX COMMITTEE REPORT

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on The Cox Committee: Report of the Select Committee on U.S. Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cox and Dicks.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 33, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; H.R. 354, amended, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act; H.R. 1565, amended, Trademark Amendments Act of 1999; H.R. 1761, amended, Copyright Damages

Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 1225, United States Patent and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act, Fiscal Year 2000.

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1691, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999.

### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Resources:* Held an oversight hearing on Use of Land and Money Mitigation Requirements in Endangered Special Act Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Jamies Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Penelope Dalton, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 9 to 2, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services on H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal years 2000 and 2001. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on Armed Services amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, which shall be considered as read. The rule also waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and pro forma amendments offered by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services for the purpose of debate Amendments printed in Part C of the Rules Committee report may be offered en bloc. The rule provides that, except as specified in section 5 of the resolution, amendments will be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that, except as otherwise specified in the report, each amendment printed in the report shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment (except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of further debate on any pending amend-

ment). The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and those amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides for an additional one hour of general debate at the beginning of the second legislative day of consideration of H.R. 1401, which shall be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule authorizes the chairman of the Armed Services Committee or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of the amendments in Part C of the Rules Committee report or germane modifications thereto, which shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Armed Services Committee or their designees, and shall not be subject to amendment or demand for division of the question. The rule provides that, for the purposes of inclusion in such amendments en bloc, an amendment printed in the form of a motion to strike may be modified to the form of a germane perfecting amendment to the text originally proposed to be stricken. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the dispositions of the en bloc amendments. 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. The rule permits the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in the report out of the order in which printed, but not sooner than one hour after the chairman of the Armed Services Committee or a designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Representatives Weldon of Pennsylvania, Thornberry, Hostettler, Hilleary, Ryun of Kansas, Riley, Goodling, Boehlert, Shays, Castle, Collins, Hoekstra, Frelinghuysen, Metcalf, Ney, Weldon of Florida, Thune, Sweeney, Wilson, Ose, Skelton, Evans, Taylor of Mississippi, Abercrombie, Allen, Sanchez, McIntyre, Rodriguez, Stenholm, Frank of Massachusetts, Traficant, Costello, Roemer, Waters, Hinchey, Velázquez and Kucinich.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1742, Environmental Protection Agency Office of Research and Development and Science Advisory Board Authorization Act of

1999; H.R. 1743, Environmental Protection Agency Office of Air and Radiation Authorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 1656, Department of Energy Commercial Application of Energy Technology Authorization Act of 1999.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 1744, National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act of 1999.

The Committee recessed subject to call.

## ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on Electronic Commerce: The Benefits and Pitfalls of Conducting Business Over the Internet. Testimony was heard from Daniel O. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Technology, SBA; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—OFFICE OF MOTOR CARRIERS AND OF BUS SAFETY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Office of Motor Carriers and of Bus Safety. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Eugene A. Conti, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Transportation Policy; and Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Joseph Osterman, Director, Office of Highway Safety, National Transportation Safety Board; the following officials of the State of New Jersey: C. Richard Kamin, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Motor Vehicles; and James Crawford, Executive Director, South Jersey Transportation Authority; former Representative Norman Mineta of California; and public witnesses.

## ADMINISTRATION'S HARBOR SERVICES FEE PROPOSAL

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the Administration's Harbor Services Fee Proposal. Testimony was heard from Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

## FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENCE ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 1802, Foster Care Independence Act of 1999.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1999

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings on S.935, to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to authorize research to promote the conversion of biomass into biobased industrial products, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for Energy and Water Development programs, and to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Transportation and related agencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings on S.761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings on the nomination of David L. Goldwyn, of the District of Columbia to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs); and the nomination of James B. Lewis, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on S. 623, to amend Public Law 89-108 to increase authorization levels for State and Indian tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, to meet current and future water quantity and quality needs of the Red River Valley, to deauthorize certain project features and irrigation service areas, to enhance natural resources and fish and wildlife habitat; S. 244, to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning and construction of the water supply system;

S. 769, to provide a final settlement on certain debt owed by the city of Dickinson, North Dakota, for the construction of the bascule gates on the Dickinson Dam; S. 1027, to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy; and H.R. 459, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold hearings on S. 1100, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that the designation of critical habitat for endangered and threatened species be required as part of the development of recovery plans for those species, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

*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*: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the Chinese Embassy bombing and its effects on United States-China relations, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of David B. Sandalow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; and the nomination of Lawrence Harrington, of Tennessee, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, 2 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Endowment for the Arts, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Subcommittee on Aging, to resume hearings on issues relating to the Older Americans Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

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*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Transportation, to mark up fiscal year 2000 appropriations, 9:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to mark up H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Medical Records Confidentiality in the Modern Delivery of Health Care, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to Review and Oversight of the 1998 Reading Results of the National Assessment of Education Programs (NAEP)—The Nation's Report Card, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, hearing on "How Accurate is the FDA's Monitoring of Supplements Like Ephedra?" 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Africa, joint hearing on the Crisis Against Humanity in Sudan, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing and markup of H.R. 915, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 1218, Child Custody Protection Act, 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Electronic Communication Privacy Policy Disclosure, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on pending Firearms legislation and the Administration's Enforcement of Current Gun Laws, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 1243, National Marine Sanctuaries Enhancement Act of 1999; and H.R. 1431, Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans and the Subcommittee on Water and Power, joint hearing on H. Con. Res. 63, expressing the sense of the Congress opposing removal of dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers for fishery restoration purposes, 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing on the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, to consider the following: resolutions authorizing the GSA's Fiscal Year 2000 Capital Investment Program; 2 construction resolutions; H. Con. Res. 91, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a clinic to be conducted by the United States Luge Association; and H. Con. Res. 105, authorizing the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the 1999 Special Olympics World Games to be run through the Capitol Grounds, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the Effects of Welfare Reform, 10:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the use and effect of unilateral trade sanctions, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 1059, Department of Defense Authorization, with a vote to occur on Amendment No. 396 at 10 a.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 1401, Defense Authorization Act (structured rule, one hour of general debate and an additional one hour of general debate on the second legislative day of consideration).

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