

Rejected the Hoeffel amendment that sought to require an analysis on the extent to which costs imposed on incorporated entities by regulatory programs are offset by Federal subsidies, including grants and preferential loans; limits expenditures to carry out the act to \$1 million; and sunsets the act at the end of 4 years, rejected by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 335. **Pages H6374-78**

H. Res. 258, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 23.

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

**Sustainable Peace Process:** Message wherein he transmitted the 6-month periodic report on the progress made toward achieving benchmarks for a sustainable peace process—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106-155); and

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**Department of Transportation Reports:** Message wherein he transmitted 1996 calendar year reports prepared by the Department of Transportation—referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Commerce.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H6355.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6424-25.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6378 and H6378-79. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies approved for full committee action, the VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2605, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a 3 day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 of rule

XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) and clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting a tax or tariff provision in a bill not reported by a committee with jurisdiction over revenue measures) against provisions in the bill, except as otherwise specified in the rule. 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 Packard and Visclosky.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Rules:** The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2587, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. The rule waives clause 4(c) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day availability of printed hearings on a general appropriations bill), section 306 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee, and section 401 (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority which becomes effective during the current fiscal year) of the Congressional Budget Act against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report which may be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled between the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. 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 Istook, Tiahrt, Barr of Georgia, Bilbray, Moran of Virginia and Norton.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D859)

H.R. 4, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense. Signed July 22, 1999. (P.L. 106-38)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 27, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings on agricultural concentration and anti-trust issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings on privacy issues on the internet, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 930, to provide for the sale of certain public land in the Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to the Clark County, Nevada, Department of Aviation; S. 719, to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal land in the State of Nevada and for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive land in the State; S. 1030, to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws; S. 1288, to provide incentives for collaborative forest restoration projects on National Forest System and other public lands in New Mexico; S. 1374, to authorize the development and maintenance of a multiagency campus project in the town of Jackson, Wyoming; and S. 439, to amend the National Forest and Public Lands of Nevada Enhancement Act of 1988 to adjust the boundary of the Toiyabe National Forest, Nevada, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to mark up S. 1090, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings on S. 662, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine barriers to trade and investment in Africa, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine innovations in child care programs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold oversight hearings on activities of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-628.

### House

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 623, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to eliminate certain regulation of plumbing supplies, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Impact of Market Volatility in Securities Transaction Fees, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2130, Hillory J. Farias Date-Rape Prevention Drug Act of 1999; and H.R. 2506, Health Research and Quality Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* hearing on Title I: What's Happening at the School District and School Building Level, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Census, hearing on Oversight of the 2000 Census: Examining the Bureau's Paid Advertising Campaign, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Life Insurance: New Options for Federal Employees; and to mark up H.R. 915, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1752, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 2112, Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction Act of 1999; H.R. 2260, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999; and H.R. 1875, Interstate Class Action Jurisdiction Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Empowerment, hearing to discuss "The Digital Divide: Bridging The Technological Gap", 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing on the burden that needless regulations and lack of common sense in enforcement of regulations place upon Small Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, hearing on reauthorization of the Natural Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Program, 11 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Ground Transportation, hearing on TEA 21 Environmental Streamlining Provisions, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, hearing on Y2K, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.