

Friday, July 30, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Budget Reconciliation/Tax Relief.

House Committee ordered reported the following appropriation bills for fiscal year 2000: VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies; and Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9885–S9957

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1467–1470, and S. Res. 169. Page S9946

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–130)

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–131) Page S9946

Measures Passed:

Budget Reconciliation: By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 247), Senate continued consideration of S. 1429, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2000, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S9885–S9937

Adopted:

By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 233), Hutchison Further Modified Amendment No. 1472, to provide for the relief of the marriage tax penalty beginning in the year 2001. Pages S9885, S9887–89

Dodd/Jeffords Amendment No. 1452, to increase the mandatory spending in the Child Care and Development Block Grant by \$10,000,000,000 over 10

years in order to assist working families with the costs of child care. Pages S9898–99

Coverdell Modified Amendment No. 1426, to provide for a long-term capital gains deduction for certain individuals. Pages S9904–05, S9935–36

Gregg Modified Amendment No. 1375, to provide a minimum dependent care credit for stay-at-home parents. Page S9906

Snowe Amendment No. 1468, to provide for a credit for interest on higher education loans. Pages S9905–06

Roth (for Bond) Amendment No. 1425, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for 100 percent of health insurance costs of self-employed individuals. Page S9906

Roth (for Bunning) Amendment No. 1377, to provide that certain costs of private foundations in removing hazardous substances shall be treated as qualifying distributions. Page S9906

Roth (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 1458, to express the sense of the Senate regarding savings incentives by providing a partial Federal income tax exclusion for income derived from interest and dividends of no less than \$400 for married taxpayers and \$200 for single taxpayers. Page S9906

Moynihan (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 1441, to express the sense of Congress regarding the need for additional Federal funding and tax incentives for empowerment zones and enterprise communities authorized and designated pursuant to 1997 and 1998 laws. Page S9906

Moynihan (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 1491, to encourage improvements in Main Street businesses by expanding existing small business tax expensing rules to include investments in buildings and other depreciable real property. Page S9906

Roth (for Grassley) Amendment No. 1387, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide increased retirement savings opportunities by treating certain accounts and annuities under qualified employer plans in the same manner as IRAs.

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Roth (for Gregg) Amendment No. 1394, relating to estate tax treatment of conservation easements on land near Urban National Forests.

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Moynihan (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1464, to make a technical change to the calculation of rents from real property for real estate investment trusts.

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Moynihan (for Johnson) Amendment No. 1479, to provide for certain Native American housing assistance disregarded in determining whether building is federally subsidized for purposes of the low-income housing credit.

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Moynihan (for Kerry) Amendment No. 1402, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the disclosure of certain tax information by the Secretary of the Treasury to facilitate combined Federal and State employment tax reporting.

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Moynihan (for Landrieu) Modified Amendment No. 1404, to expand the adoption credit to provide assistance to adoptive parents of special needs children.

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Moynihan (for Leahy/Jeffords) Modified Amendment No. 1418, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the treatment of maple syrup production.

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Moynihan (for Murray) Amendment No. 1485, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of bonds issued to acquire renewable resources on land subject to conservation easement.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

Pages S9909-10

Roth (for Nickles) Amendment No. 1407, clarifying the transition exception for closely held REITs.

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Roth (for Santorum/Feinstein) Modified Amendment No. 1465, to index the State-ceiling on the low-income housing credit.

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Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1460, to extend Risk Management Accounts to fishermen.

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Roth (for Stevens) Modified Amendment No. 1403, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the treatment of the transportation of person traveling to or from areas not connected to a road system.

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Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1488, to extend income averaging to fishermen and to not increase Alternative Minimum Tax liability.

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Moynihan (for Torricelli) Modified Amendment No. 1474, to exclude certain severance payment amounts from income.

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Roth (for Allard/Robb) Modified Amendment No. 1378, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand S corporation eligibility for banks.

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Roth (for Frist) Modified Amendment No. 1443, to provide that trusts established for the benefit of individuals with disabilities shall be taxed at the same rates as individual taxpayers.

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Roth/Moynihan Amendment No. 1496, to make certain improvements to the bill.

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Rejected:

Lautenberg motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith. (By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 236), Senate tabled the motion.)

Pages S9891-92

Kyl Modified Amendment No. 1469, to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfer, to repeal a step up basis at death. (Amendment was ruled non-germane by the Chair.)

Pages S9892-94

Hollings motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith. (By 65 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 237), Senate tabled the motion.)

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Robb motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith. (By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 242), Senate tabled the motion.)

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Bingaman motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith.

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Dorgan motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith.

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Kennedy motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith.

Page S9903

Dorgan motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith.

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By 23 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 246) Ashcroft Amendment No. 1456, to strike the provision expanding tax credit to facilities that produce electricity from poultry waste.

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Feingold Amendment No. 1417, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the percentage depletion allowance for certain hardrock mines.

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Withdrawn:

Abraham Amendment No. 1470, to provide for the Sense of the Senate regarding Capital Gains Tax Cuts.

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

Three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected motions to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of the following amendments/motions:

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 232), Bingaman Amendment No. 1462, to express the sense of the Senate regarding investment in education.

Pages S9885–87, S9889

By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 234), Kerry motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions.

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By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 235), Frist Amendment No. 1467, to express the Sense of the Senate on the Medicare Reserve Fund.

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By 13 yeas to 87 nays (Vote No. 238), McCain Amendment No. 1397, to provide educational opportunities for disadvantaged children.

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By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 239), Kennedy Amendment No. 1383, to increase the Federal minimum wage.

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By 35 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 240), Specter Amendment No. 1386, in the nature of a substitute.

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By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 241), Schumer Amendment No. 1416, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make higher education more affordable by providing a full tax deduction for higher education expenses and a tax credit for student education loans.

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By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 243), Wellstone motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith.

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By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 244), Conrad Amendment No. 1439, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for information technology training expenses paid or incurred by the employer.

Pages S9901–02

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 245), Harkin Amendment No. 1454, to block companies from entering into a situation where they are giving benefits to younger workers and denying those same benefits to older employees.

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Subsequently, certain points of order that the amendments/motions to recommit were in violation of the Congressional Budget Act were sustained, and the amendments/motions thus fell.

Also, during consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By voice vote, three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to a motion to waive any point of order against Section 202 of the bill (S. 1429), a subsequent conference report, or in an amendment between the Houses if such point of order is made on the grounds that the enhancement of the Earned Income Tax Credit for married couples is an increase in outlays.

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Tax Relief: Senate passed H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, and to provide incentives for education savings and health care, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1429 (listed above), as passed by the Senate today.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, and requested a conference with the House thereon.

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Subsequently, passage of S. 1429 was vitiated and the bill was placed back on the Senate calendar.

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Aviation Programs Extension: Senate passed S. 1467, to extend the funding levels for aviation programs for 60 days.

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Capitol Visitor Center Commemorative Coins: Senate passed S. 1468, to authorize the minting and issuance of Capitol Visitor Center Commemorative Coins.

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Rejecting American Psychological Association Article: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 107, expressing the sense of Congress rejecting the conclusions of a recent article published by the American Psychological Association that suggests that sexual relationships between adults and children might be positive for children.

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Deceptive Mail Prevention and Enforcement Act Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 335, to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the nonmailability of certain deceptive matter relating to games of chance, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, with a vote to occur thereon at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, August 2, 1999.

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Agriculture Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1233, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, on Monday, August 2, 1999.

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Appointment:

John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-458, appointed Senator Warner to the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development, for a term ending October 11, 2004. **Page S9953**

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

Transmitting a report relative to the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-53). **Page S9946**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Sylvia de Leon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

William Haskell Alsup, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Charles R. Wilson, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

J. Brady Anderson, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

F. Whitten Peters, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Evelyn Simonowitz Lieberman, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

Curt Hebert, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2004.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S9955-57**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susan M. Wachter, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Zell Miller, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2000. **Page S9957**

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Record Votes: Sixteen record votes were taken today. (Total—247)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 8:31 a.m., and adjourned at 3:37 p.m., until 12 Noon, on Monday, August 2, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9956.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. POLICY TOWARD TORTURE VICTIMS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings on United States policy toward victims of torture, after receiving testimony from Bennett Freeman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; Ann VanDusen, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Policy and Program Coordination, U.S. Agency for International Development; Douglas A. Johnson, Center for Victims of Torture, and Angelique Cooper, both of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Inge Genefke, International Rehabilitation Council for Victims of Torture, Copenhagen, Denmark.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 2654–2666; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 168 and H. Res. 268–270, were introduced. **Pages H6758–59**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1442, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to continue and extend authority for transfers to State and local governments of certain property for law enforcement, public safety, and emergency response purposes, amended (Rept. 106–275); and

H.R. 2112, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdiction of certain multiparty, multiforum civil actions, amended (Rept. 106–276); and

H.R. 1219, to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act and the Miller Act, relating to payment protections for persons providing labor and materials for Federal construction projects, amended (Rept. 106–277, Pt. 1). **Page H6758**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:05 a.m. and reconvened at 9:10 a.m. **Page H6723**

Juvenile Justice Reform Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1501, to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H6723–25**

Appointed as conferees:

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Hyde and Representatives McCollum, Gekas, Coble, Smith of Texas, Canady, Barr, Conyers, Frank of Massachusetts, Scott, Berman, and Lofgren. Provided, that Representative Jackson-Lee of Texas is appointed in lieu of Representative Frank of Massachusetts for consideration of sections 741, 1501, 1505, 1534–35, and titles V, VI and IX of the Senate amendment. Provided that Representative Meehan is appointed in lieu of Representative Berman for consideration of sections 741, 1501, 1505, 1534–35, and titles V, VI and IX of the Senate amendment; **Page H6725**

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment (except sections 741, 1501, 1505,

1534–35, and titles V, VI and IX), and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Goodling and Representatives Petri, Castle, Greenwood, DeMint, Clay, Kildee, and McCarthy of New York; and **Page H6725**

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of sections 1365 and 1401–03 of the House bill and sections 1504, 1515, and 1523 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Bliley and Representative Dingell. Provided, that Representative Bilirakis is appointed for consideration of section 1365 of the House bill and section 1523 of the Senate amendment. Provided, that Representative Tauzin is appointed for consideration of sections 1401–03 of the House bill and sections 1504 and 1515 of the Senate amendment. **Page H6725**

Agreed to the Conyers Motion instruct conferees to insist that the committee of conference (1) recommend a conference substitute which includes a requirement that background checks be conducted on all firearms sales at gun shows, does not include any measure that would weaken the effectiveness of background checks currently conducted, does not include any measure that would weaken or eliminate any other provision of Federal firearms law or regulation, and authorizes funding for school violence programs; (2) that all meetings of the conference be open to the public and print and electronic media, held in venues to maximize attendance of the public and media, and be held during reasonable hours; (3) allow sufficient opportunity for offer and debate amendments at all meetings; and (4) recommend a conference substitute before Congress adjourns for the August recess so that reasonable gun safety measures can be passed before children return to school, by a ye and nay vote of 305 yeas to 84 nays, Roll No. 354. **Pages H6723–24**

Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation: The Speaker appointed Representatives Emerson and Skelton to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. **Page H6725**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:18 a.m. and reconvened at 12:48 p.m. **Page H6728**

Board of Visitors to the U.S. Air Force Academy: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Thompson of California and

Dicks to the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Air Force Academy. **Page H6728**

Financial Services Act: The House insisted on its amendments to S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H6728–38**

Appointed as conferees:

From the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for consideration of the Senate bill, and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Leach, McCollum, Roukema, Bereuter, Baker, Lazio, Bachus, Castle, LaFalce, and Vento. **Page H6738**

As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services for consideration of titles I, III (except section 304), IV, and VII of the Senate bill, and title I of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Frank of Massachusetts, Kanjorski, Waters, and Maloney of New York. **Page H6738**

As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services for consideration of title V of the Senate bill, and title II of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Kanjorski, Maloney of New York, Watt of North Carolina, and Maloney of Connecticut. **Page H6738**

As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services for consideration of title II of the Senate bill, and title III of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Kanjorski, Maloney of New York, Velázquez, and Hooley. **Page H6738**

As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services for consideration of title VI of the Senate bill, and title IV of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Waters, Maloney of New York, Gutierrez, and Bentsen. **Page H6738**

As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services for consideration of section 304 of the Senate bill, and title V of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Frank of Massachusetts, Kanjorski, Waters, and Ackerman. **Page H6738**

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of the Senate bill, and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bliley, Oxley, Tauzin, Gillmor, Greenwood, Cox, Largent, Bilbray, Dingell, Towns, Mar-

key, Waxman, DeGette, and Capps. Provided that Representative Rush is appointed in lieu of Representative Capps for consideration of section 316 of the Senate bill. **Page H6738**

From the Committee on Agriculture for consideration of Title V of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Combest, Ewing, and Stenholm. **Page H6738**

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 104(a), 104(d)(3), and 104(f)(2) of the Senate bill, and sections 104(a)(3), 104(b)(3)(A), 104(b)(4)(B), 136(b), 136(d)–(e), 141–44, 197, 301, and 306 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hyde, Gekas, and Conyers. **Page H6738**

Agreed to the LaFalce motion to instruct conferees to ensure that: 1. Consumers have the strongest consumer financial privacy protections possible, including protections against the misuse of confidential information and inappropriate marketing practices, and ensuring that consumers receive notice and the right to say “no” when a financial institution wishes to disclose a consumer’s nonpublic personal information for use in telemarketing, direct marketing, or other marketing through electronic mail; and 2. Consumers enjoy the benefits of comprehensive financial modernization legislation that provides robust competition and equal and non-discriminatory access to financial services and economic opportunities in their communities; and 3. Consumers have the strongest medical privacy protections possible, and thereby prevent financial institutions from disclosing or making related uses of health and medical and genetic information without the consent of their customers, and therefore agree to recede to the Senate on subtitle E of Title III of the House amendment by a yea and nay vote of 241 yeas to 132 nays, Roll No. 355. **Pages H6728–38**

Legislative Reorganization Act: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 168, waiving the requirement in section 132 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 that the Congress adjourn sine die not later than July 31, 1999. **Page H6740**

Agreed to H. Res. 266, the rule that provided for consideration of the concurrent resolution by voice vote. **Pages H6739–40**

Order of Business—Disapproving Waiver for Vietnam: Agreed that it be in order at any time on August 3, 1999, or any day thereafter, to consider in the House, H.J. Res. 58, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section

402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam; that the joint resolution be considered as read; all points of order be waived; that the joint resolution be debatable for one hour, equally divided and controlled; the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion; and that the provisions shall not otherwise apply to any similar joint resolution with respect to Vietnam for the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress. **Pages H6740–41**

Legislative Program: The Majority leader announced the legislative program for the week of August 2. **Pages H6738–39**

Meeting Hour—Monday, August 2: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, August 2 for morning-hour debates. **Page H6741**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the calendar Wednesday business of August 4. **Page H6741**

Honoring Lance Armstrong, America's Premier Cyclist: The House agreed to H. Res. 264, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives honoring Lance Armstrong, America's premier cyclist, and his winning performance in the 1999 Tour de France. **Pages H6741–43**

Presidential Message—National Emergency re Terrorists and Middle East Peace Process: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–106). **Page H6743**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H6723.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H6760.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6724–25 and H6737–38. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL RISK PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Began markup of H.R. 2559, Agricultural Risk Protection Act.

Will continue August 3.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES AND COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2000: VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies; and Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary.

HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 21, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Ronald E. Hanna, Deputy Commissioner, Insurance Department, State of Mississippi; and public witnesses.

DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 2634, Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Senators Levin and Hatch; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Alan I. Leshner, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH; and H. Wesley Clark, M.D., Director, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and public witnesses.

DRUGSTORES ON THE NET

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Drugstores on the Net: The Benefits and Risks of On-line Pharmacies. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Janet Woodcock, M.D., Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research; and Jeffrey Shuren, M.D., Medical Officer, Office of Policy; Jody Bernstein, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Ivan K. Fong, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Carla Stovall, Attorney General, State of Kansas; Cynthia T. Culmo, Director, Division of Drugs and Medical Devices, Department of Health, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution began markup of H.R. 2436, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 1999.

The Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

RECESSIONS PROCESS AFTER THE LINE ITEM VETO

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing on The Rescissions Process After the Line Item Veto: Tools for Controlling Spending. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Mathews, Deputy Director, OMB; Dan Crippen, Director, CBO; Gary Kepplinger, Associate General Counsel, GAO; Louis Fisher, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**Week of August 2 through August 7, 1999****Senate Chamber**

On *Monday*, Senate will consider S. 335, Deceptive Mail Prevention and Enforcement Act, with a vote to occur thereon at 5:30 p.m., and will resume consideration of S. 1233, Agriculture Appropriations.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to resume consideration of H.R. 2466, Interior Appropriations, and any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills, when available.

(On Tuesday, Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for their respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: August 3, to hold hearings on farm crisis issues, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

August 4, Full Committee, to continue hearings on farm crisis issues, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

August 5, Full Committee, to continue hearings on farm crisis issues, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: August 3, to hold hearings on the nomination of Charles A. Blanchard, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army; and the nomination of Carol DiBattiste, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: August 5, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on activities of the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring of the Depart-

ment of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: August 4, to hold hearings to examine fraud against seniors, 2:15 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: August 4, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings to review the performance management process under the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act, by the National Park Service, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: August 3, business meeting to resume markup of S. 1090, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: August 4, to hold hearings on S. 693, to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

August 4, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on economic reform and trade opportunities in Vietnam, 2 p.m., SD-419.

August 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: August 3, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

August 4, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings on overlap and duplication in the Federal Food Safety System, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: August 3, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to provide equitable compensation to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, 10 a.m., SR-485.

August 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 299, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health; and S. 406, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to make permanent the demonstration program that allows for direct billing of Medicare, Medicaid, and other third party payors, and to expand the eligibility under such program to other tribes and tribal organizations; followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: August 4, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: August 4, to hold hearings on the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General; and the nomination of Robert Raben, of Florida, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 8:30 a.m., SD-628.

August 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1172, to provide a patent term restoration review procedure for certain drug products, focusing on proposed remedies for relief, relating to pipeline drugs, 10 a.m., SD-628.

August 4, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings on annual refugee consultation, 2 p.m., SD-628.

August 5, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Rules and Administration: August 4, to hold hearings on certain proposed committee resolutions requesting funds for operating expenses, 9:15 a.m., SR-301.

House Chamber

Monday, consideration of Suspensions and complete consideration of H.R. 2606, Foreign Operations Appropriations;

Tuesday and the Balance of the Week, consideration of H.R. 2031, Twenty-First Amendment Enforcement Act; H.R. 987, Workplace Preservation Act; H.J. Res. 58, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority for Vietnam; VA, HUD Appropriations; and Commerce, State, Justice, Appropriations, all subject to rules being granted.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, August 3, to continue consideration of H.R. 2559, Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

August 3, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the effects of the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act on public health, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

August 5, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the operations of the Food Stamp Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

August 5, Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Corps, hearing to review regulatory relief for U.S. futures exchanges, 2 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, August 3, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Federal Oversight of Internet Banking, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, August 3, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on How Healthy Are the Government's Medicare Fraud Fighters? 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

August 4, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on legislation to Improve the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, focusing on several brownfields-related provisions contained in the following bills: H.R. 1300, Re-

cycle America's Land Act of 1999; H.R. 1750, Community Revitalization and Brownfield Cleanup Act of 1999; and H.R. 2580, Land Recycling Act of 1999, 10 a.m. 2123 Rayburn.

August 4, Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, hearing on Medicare+Choice: An Evaluation of the Program, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, August 3, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Drug Abuse Prevention: Protecting Our Students, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, August 2, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Unpaid Payroll Taxes: Billions in Delinquent Taxes and Penalty Assessments are Owed to the Government, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

August 3, full Committee, hearing on Vacancies: Finding the Balance Between Public Safety and Personal Choice, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

August 4, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on reauthorization of the Office of Government Ethics, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

August 4, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on What is HUD's Role in Litigation Against Gun Manufacturers? 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

August 4, Subcommittee on the Postal Service, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2319, to make the American Battle Monuments Commission and the World War II Memorial Advisory Board eligible to use non-profit standard mail rates of postage; H.R. 642, to redesignate the Federal building located at 701 South Santa Fe Avenue in Compton, California, and known as the Compton Main Post Office, as the "Mervyn Malcolm Dymally Post Office Building"; H.R. 643, to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the "Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building"; H.R. 1666, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office"; and H.R. 2307, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hoskinton, Massachusetts, as the "Thomas J. Brown Postal Office Building"; followed by a hearing on Deceptive Sweepstakes Mailings, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

August 5, full Committee, hearing on "White House Insider Mark Middleton: His Ties to John Huang, Charlie Trie, and Other Campaign Finance Figures", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

August 6, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on the Narcotics Threat from Colombia, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, August 2, to consider pending business and campaign reform measures, 5 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, August 23, hearing on U.S. Trade with Asia: Preparations for the APEC Summit, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

August 3, Subcommittee on Africa, Nigeria: On the Democratic Path? 10 a.m., 2170 Rayburn.

August 4, full Committee, hearing on The Balkans: What Are U.S. Interests and the Goals of U.S. Engagement? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

August 4, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to mark up H.R. 1356, Freedom From Sexual Trafficking Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, August 3, to continue mark-up of H.R. 1875, Interstate Class Action Jurisdiction Act of 1990; and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2260, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999; H.J. Res. 54, granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebbraska Boundary Compact; and H.J. Res. 62, to grant the consent of Congress to the boundary change between Georgia and South Carolina, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

August 4, oversight hearing on Hate Crimes Violence, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

August 5, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2558, Prison Industries Reform Act of 1999; and H.R. 2551, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

August 5, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on the H-1B Temporary Professional Worker Visa Program, 1 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, August 3, oversight hearing on Contract Support Costs within the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Part II), 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

August 3, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following: S. 416, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility; H.R. 1749, to designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and a measure to designate certain Federal lands in the Talladega National Forest in the State of Alabama as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

August 4, full Committee, to consider the following: S. 416, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility; H.R. 795, Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Indian Reserved Water Rights Settlement Act of 1999; H.R. 970, Perkins County Rural Water System Act of 1999; H.R. 1231, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery; H.R. 1444, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to develop and implement projects for fish screens, fish passage de-

vices, and other similar measures to mitigate adverse impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the State of Oregon, Washing, Montana, and Idaho; H.R. 1619, Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 2435, to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Wills House; and a motion to adopt a resolution and report recommending that David Plouffe, the Executive Director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee be held in contempt of Congress for failure to comply with the subpoena served on him on July 13, 1999, and reporting the matter to the full House for appropriate action, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

August 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 33, imposing certain restrictions and requirements on the leasing under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of lands offshore Florida, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

August 5, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 20, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Mongaup Visitor Center Act of 1999; H.R. 748, to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Parks Advisory Commission; bills: H.R. 1615, Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Extension Act; H.R. 1665, 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; H.R. 2140, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia; and H.R. 2339, National Discovery Trails Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, August 2, to consider the following: H.R. 2031, Twenty-First Amendment Enforcement Act; and H.R. 987, Workplace Preservation Act, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

August 3, to consider the Department of Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2000, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, August 3, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on Plant Genome Science: From the Lab to the Market, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

August 4, full Committee, hearing on K-12 Math and Science Education-Testing and Licensing Teachers, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

August 4, Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform, joint hearing on Computer Security Impact of Y2K: Expanding Risks of Fraud, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, August 4, hearing to investigate the effects of federal procurement policy on small business competitiveness, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, August 3, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Pilot Fatigue, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

August 4, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on Effectiveness of Disaster Mitigation Spending, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, August 5, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on United States Negotiating Objectives for the WTO Seattle Ministerial Meeting, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, August 4, executive, briefing on Khobar Towers Update, 12 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conference: August 2, meeting of conferees on S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, 5 p.m., SC-5, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
12 noon, Monday, August 2

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12:30 p.m., Monday, August 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of one Senator for a speech and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate will consider S. 335, Deceptive Mail Prevention and Enforcement Act, with a vote to occur thereon at 5:30 p.m.

At 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 1233, Agriculture Appropriations.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Consideration of Suspensions; and Complete consideration of H.R. 2606, Foreign Operation Appropriations (pursuant to unanimous consent order)

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