

Wednesday, September 22, 1999

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report on National Defense Authorization.

House Committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11189–S11275*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1611–1622. **Page S11255**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:  
S. 383, to establish a national policy of basic consumer fair treatment for airline passengers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–162) **Page S11255**

**VA–HUD Appropriations:** Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and the Senate began consideration of the bill, after striking all after page 2, line 9 over to and including page 95, line 3, and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1596, Senate companion measure, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S11201–29, S11232–37, S11244–51**

Adopted:

Bond (for Byrd) Amendment No. 1744, to provide an additional \$600,000,000 for the Veterans Health Administration for medical care and to designate such amount as an emergency requirement.

**Pages S11208–12, S11227**

Bond Amendment No. 1760, to strike certain provisions that amend the Fair Housing Act.

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Mikulski (for Inouye) Amendment No. 1777, to provide that the amount made available for a special purpose grant under section 107 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to the County of Hawaii for the purpose of an environmental impact statement for the development of a water re-

source system in Kohala, Hawaii, may be used to fund certain water system improvements. **Page S11234**

Bond Amendment No. 1779, to clarify the prohibition on using Federal funds for lobbying or litigation activity. **Page S11244**

Bond (for Snowe) Amendment No. 1780, to express the Sense of the Senate that it should be the goal of the Department of Veterans Affairs to serve all veterans equitably at health care facilities in urban and rural areas. **Page S11245**

Bond (for Fitzgerald/Durbin) Amendment No. 1785, to provide a period of time for consultation and evaluation of any realignment plan for the VISN 12 health care delivery system. **Page S11247**

DeWine Amendment No. 1782, to prohibit the use of funds by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the establishment at any field center of a research capability that would duplicate a research capability that exists at another field center. **Pages S11247–48**

DeWine Amendment No. 1781, to prohibit the use of funds by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the transfer of research aircraft from Glenn Research Center, Ohio, to any other field center. **Page S11248**

Bond Amendment No. 1786, to provide for a General Accounting Office study on Federal Home Loan Bank capital. **Page S11249**

Rejected:

Smith (of NH) Amendment No. 1757, to provide an additional \$209,500,000 for Medical Care for the Veterans Health Administration, an additional \$5,000,000 for the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) program, and an additional \$10,000,000 for grants for construction of State extended care facilities for veterans, and to provide an offsetting reduction of \$224,500,000 in amounts available for the AmeriCorps program. (By 61 yeas

to 38 nays (Vote No. 286), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S11219–25, S11227

Withdrawn:

Reed Amendment No. 1778, to increase funding for lead hazard control.

Pages S11236–37

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

By 36 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 285), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to the consideration of Wellstone Amendment No. 1747, to increase the amount appropriated for the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs by \$1,300,000,000. Subsequently, a point of order against the amendment pursuant to section 302(F) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S11212–19, S11225–27

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for amendments to be proposed to the bill.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, September 23, 1999.

**National Defense Authorization—Conference Report:** By 93 yeas to 5 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 284), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

Pages S11189–S11201

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

Gregory A. Baer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Mary Carlin Yates, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

Joel A. Pisano, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

James M. Lyons, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

Allen R. Snyder, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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**Messages From the House**

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**Measures Referred**

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**Additional Statements:** Pages S11273–74

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—286) Pages S11201, S11226–27

**Recess:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 7:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 23, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11274.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### VIEQUES TRAINING RANGE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support held hearings on the national security requirements for continued training operations at the Vieques Training Range in Puerto Rico, and the importance this training site has to the readiness of the U.S. Second Fleet, and the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic, receiving testimony from Vice Adm. William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, United States Second Fleet; and Lt. Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Commander, United States Marine Forces Atlantic.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 710, to authorize the feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail, with amendments;

S. 905, to establish the Lackawanna Valley American Heritage Area, with amendments;

S. 1117, to establish the Corinth Unit of Shiloh National Military Park, in the vicinity of the city of Corinth, Mississippi, and in the State of Tennessee, with amendments;

S. 1324, to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include Wills House;

S. 1051, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to manage the Strategic Petroleum Reserve more effectively, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment;

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, with amendments;

S. 624, to authorize construction of the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System in the State of Montana, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment;

S. 986, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Griffith Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1211, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner, with an amendment;

S. 1275, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to produce and sell products and to sell publications relating to the Hoover Dam, and to deposit revenues generated from the sales into the Colorado River Dam fund;

S. 1377, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act regarding the use of funds for water development for the Bonneville Unit, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1236, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho;

S. 1288, to provide incentives for collaborative forest restoration projects on National Forest System and other public lands in New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Ivan Itkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

## DOJ HANDLING OF THE CHARLIE TRIE CASE

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of Justice's handling of the Charlie Trie case, relating to the campaign finance investigation, after receiving testimony from Roberta Parker, Special Agent, Kevin Sheridan, Special Agent, Daniel Wehr, Special Agent, and former Special Agent In Charge Ivian C. Smith, all of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Laura Ingersoll and Lee J. Radek, all of the Department of Justice.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee met and discussed procedural issues relating to S. Res. 172, to establish a special committee of the Senate to address the cultural crisis facing America, and will meet again tomorrow.

## AMERICAN INDIAN TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT REFORM

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 1587, to amend the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 to establish within the Department of the Interior an Office of Special Trustee for Data Cleanup and Internal Control, and S. 1589, to amend the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994, after receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Charles Tillman, Osage Nation, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Intertribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds; Anna Whiting Sorrell, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, Pablo, Montana; Jerry Reynolds, First Nations Development Institute, Fredericksburg, Virginia; Reid Peyton Chambers, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, and Endreson, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation; and Susan M. Masten, Yurok Tribe, Eureka, California.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 2909–2921; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 187–188 and H. Res. 298, were introduced. **Pages H8555–56**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 2559, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program (H. Rept. 106–300 part 2); and

H. Res. 299, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2506, to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (H. Rept. 106–328). **Page H8555**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ewing to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8471**

**Consolidation of Milk Marketing Orders:** The House passed H.R. 1402, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to implement the Class I milk price structure known as Option 1–A as part of the implementation of the final rule to consolidate Federal milk marketing orders by a recorded vote of 285 ayes to 140 noes, Roll No. 436. **Pages H8475–H8523**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended and made in order by the rule. **Page H8523**

Agreed to:

The Stenholm amendment that establishes a temporary pilot program under which milk producers and cooperatives are authorized to voluntarily enter into forward price contracts with milk handlers. The pilot program does not apply to Class I milk.

**Pages H8491–99**

Rejected:

The Green amendment that sought to require a national referendum by dairy farmers on Department of Agriculture proposed milk marketing reforms (rejected by a recorded vote of 102 ayes to 323 noes, Roll No. 430); **Pages H8488–91, H8497–98**

The Dooley amendment to the Stenholm amendment that sought to extend the forward pricing contract pilot program to all classes of milk including fluid milk (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 270 noes, Roll No. 431); **Pages H8496–98**

The Kind amendment that sought to establish a national pooling of receipts from Class I or fluid milk; **Pages H8502–04**

The Gutknecht amendment that sought to prohibit a cooperative marketing association from paying producers a price that is less than the federal milk marketing order blend minimum price (rejected by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 313 noes, Roll No. 432); **Pages H8499–H8502, H8512–13**

The Ryan of Wisconsin amendment that sought to establish that the maximum Class I milk differential may not exceed \$2.27 per hundredweight (rejected by a recorded vote of 109 ayes to 318 noes, Roll No. 433); **Pages H8504–07, H8513–14**

The Manzullo amendment that sought to condition the implementation of the Act on the U.S. Trade Representative's certification that it presents no risk of interference with any international trade negotiation (rejected by a recorded vote of 113 ayes to 315 noes, Roll No. 434); and

**Pages H8507–12, H8514**

The Boehner amendment that sought to terminate all existing Federal milk marketing orders on January 1, 2001 (rejected by a recorded vote of 124 ayes to 302 noes, Roll No. 435). **Pages H8514–22**

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H8523**

H. Res. 294, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on September 21.

**Intelligence Authorization Conference:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1555, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representatives Goss, Lewis of California, McCollum, Castle, Boehlert, Bass, Gibbons, LaHood, Wilson, Dixon, Pelosi, Bishop, Sisisky, Condit, Roemer, and Hastings of Florida. Appointed as conferees from the Committee on Armed Services for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related activities: Representatives Spence, Stump, and Andrews.

**Pages H8523–24**

**Juvenile Justice Reform:** Representative Lofgren moved to instruct conferees on H.R. 1501, to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders, to recommend a conference substitute that (1) includes a loophole-free system that assures that no criminals or other prohibited purchasers (e.g. murderers, rapists, child molesters, fugitives from justice, undocumented aliens, stalkers and batterers) obtain firearms from non-licensed persons and federally licensed firearms dealers at gun shows; (2) does not include provisions that weaken current gun safety law; and (3) includes provisions that aid in the enforcement of current laws against criminals who use guns (e.g. murderers, rapists, child molesters, fugitives from justice, stalkers and batterers). The ordered vote on the motion was postponed until Sept. 23. Pages H8524-31

**Historically Black Colleges and Universities:** The House agreed to H. Res. 293, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week." Pages H8531-35

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H8494.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8557-58.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8497-98, H8498, H8512-13, H8513-14, H8514, H8522, and H8523. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **ATLANTIC FLEET TRAINING CENTER— READINESS IMPLICATIONS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on readiness implications concerning the Atlantic Fleet Training Center, Vieques, Puerto Rico. Testimony was heard from Resident Commissioner Romero-Barceló; the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Vice Adm. William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, 2nd Fleet; Lt. Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Commander, U.S. Marine Forces, Atlantic; Rear Adm. John M. Johnson, USN, Commander, Carrier Group 6; Brig. Gen. Emo Gardner, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Aviation; and Rear Adm. Cutler Dawson, USN, former Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group 12.

### **RUSSIAN MONEY LAUNDERING**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Continued hearings on Russian Money Laundering. Testimony was heard from James Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### **COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT IMPROVEMENTS**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials concluded hearings on legislation to Improve the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, focusing on the following bills: H.R. 1300, Recycle America's Land Act of 1999; and H.R. 2580, Land Recycling Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Tim Fields, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; and Steven Herman, Assistant Administrator, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; and public witnesses.

### **ORGAN PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK AMENDMENTS**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 2418, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Amendments of 1999. Testimony was heard from William Raub, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation/Science Policy, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### **PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant: An Assessment of Worker Safety and Environmental Contamination. Testimony was heard from David Michaels, Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy; Richard D. Green, Director, Region 4, Waste Management Division, EPA; Malcolm R. Knapp, Deputy Executive Director, Operations for Materials, Research, and State Programs, NRC; Robert Logan, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Kentucky; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on the Census held an oversight hearing of the 2000 Census: Discussion of the Effects of Including Puerto Rico in the 2000 U.S. Population Totals. Testimony was heard from Representatives Serrano, Romero-Barceló and Faleomavaega; and Kenneth Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census. Department of Commerce.

**STATISTICAL EFFICIENCY ACT**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2885, amended, Statistical Efficiency Act of 1999; and H.R. 2513, to direct the Administrator of General Services to acquire a building located in Terre Haute, Indiana.

**TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on Terrorism Preparedness: Medical First Response. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Robert F. Knouss, Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness; and Scott Lillibridge, M.D., Director, Bio-Terrorism Preparedness Response Program, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and public witnesses.

**TRADE IN THE AMERICAS**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Trade in the Americas: Progress, Challenges, and Prospect. Testimony was heard from Walter Bastian, Director, Office of Latin America and the Caribbean, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Douglas Browning, Assistant Commissioner, International Affairs, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 124, expressing the sense of the Congress relating to recent allegations of espionage and illegal campaign financing that have brought into question the loyalty and probity of Americans of Asian ancestry; H.R. 2005, amended, Workplace Goods Job Growth and Competitiveness Act of 1999; and H.R. 1791, amended, Federal Law Enforcement Animal Protection Act of 1999.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 20, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Mongaup Visitor Center Act of 1999; H.R. 748, amended, 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; S. 944, to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma; H.R. 1615, Lamprey Wild and

Scenic River Extension Act; H.R. 1665, amended, 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, amended, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia; H.R. 2547, amended, Chugach Alaska Natives Settlement Implementation Act of 1999; and H.R. 2841, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for greater fiscal autonomy consistent with other United States jurisdictions.

**HEALTH RESEARCH AND QUALITY ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule, providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2506, Health Research and Quality Act of 1999. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Commerce now printed in the bill be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment by section. The rule provides for the consideration of pro forma amendments and those amendments pre-printed in the Congressional Record, which may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and shall be considered as read. The rule permits 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 Bilirakis and Brown of Ohio.

**OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO UTILIZATION OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Basic Research held a joint hearing on Overcoming Barriers to Utilization of Technology in the Classroom. Testimony was heard from George O. Strawn, Executive Officer, Computer and Information Science and Engineering Directorate, NSF; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—TVA**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on TVA: Electricity Restructuring and General Oversight. Testimony was heard from David N. Smith, Chief Financial Officer, TVA; Linda M. Calbom, Director, Civil Audits, GAO; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following measures: H.R. 1663, National Medal of Honor Memorial Act; and H.J. Res. 65, commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

**STRENGTHENING MEDICARE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Strengthening Medicare for Future Generations. Testimony was heard from Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

**Joint Meetings****APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE**

*Conferees* continued to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

**APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN OPS/EXPORT FINANCING**

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

**APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

*Conferees* continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2561, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1999**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Paul W. Fiddick, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; and the nomination of Andrew C. Fish, of Vermont, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, and proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Commodity Exchange Act, focusing on the impact of electronic trading on regulation, 9 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Harry J.

Bowie, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank; the nomination of John D. Hawke, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Comptroller of the Currency; the nomination of Dorian Vanessa Weaver, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; the nomination of Dan Herman Renberg, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; and the nomination of Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Export Administration Act, 9 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold oversight hearings to explore the potential consequences of the year 2000 computer problem to the Nation's supply of electricity, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Richard A. Meserve, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; the nomination of Paul L. Hill, Jr., of West Virginia, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; the nomination of Major General Phillip R. Anderson, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of Section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved June 1879 (21 Stat. 37) (33 USC 642); the nomination of Sam Epstein Angel, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission; and the nomination of Brigadier General Robert H. Griffin, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of Section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved June 1879 (21 Stat. 37) (33 USC 642), 3 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine issues on corruption in Russia, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine quality management issues at the federal level, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine Immigration and Naturalization Service reform issues, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* business meeting to markup of S. Res. 172, to establish a special committee of the Senate to address the cultural crisis facing America, 9 a.m., SR-301.

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture,* to consider H.R. 2389, County Schools Funding Revitalization Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2000, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, hearing on Fixing Our Schools From the Bottom Up, State, Local and Private Reform Initiatives, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the following: Reauthorization of Expiring Energy Policy and Conservation Act Programs; and on the Energy Policy and Conservation Act Amendments; followed by a mark up of the following: a measure to reauthorize the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; and H.R. 2531, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Blood Safety and Availability, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, hearing on Fighting Prostate Cancer: Are We Doing Enough? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 292, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the referendum in East Timor, calling on the Government of Indonesia to assist in the termination of the current civil unrest and violence in East Timor, and supporting a United Nations Security Council-endorsed multinational force for East Timor; H. Res. 181, condemning the kidnapping and murder by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia (FARC) of 3 United States citizens, Ingrid Washinawatok, Terence Freitas, and Lahe'ena'e Gay; H.R. 2608, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to clarify the definition of "major drug-transit country" under the international narcotics control program; H.J. Res. 65, commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge; and H. Con. Res. 187, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the European Council noise rule affecting hushkitted and reengined aircraft, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the Abuses of Individual Rights by Independent Counsel, 11 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 1173, States' Choice of Voting Systems Act, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up H.R. 2558, Prison Industries Reform Act of 1999, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2496, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp

Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994; H.R. 2821, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to provide for appointment of 2 additional members of the North American Wetlands Conservation Council; and H.R. 1775, Estuary Habitat Restoration Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

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