

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report on Agriculture Appropriations.

Senate rejected the resolution of ratification to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

House committees ordered reported 11 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12449–S12564

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1720–1724, and S. Res. 202. **Page S12555**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 492, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Act to assist in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. (S. Rept. No. 106–181)

S. 1632, to extend the authorization of appropriations for activities at Long Island Sound. (S. Rept. No. 106–182)

H.R. 2724, to make technical corrections to the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–183) **Pages S12554–55**

Measures Passed:

Land Conveyance: Senate passed H.R. 356, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12563**

Recognizing Service of John E. Cook: Senate agreed to S. Res. 202, recognizing the distinguished service of John E. Cook of Williams, Arizona. **Page S12563**

Campaign Finance Reform: Senate began consideration of S. 1593, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform. **Pages S12550–51**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, October 14, 1999. **Pages S12550–51**

Agriculture Appropriations—Conference Report: By 74 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 323), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1906, making ap-

propriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. **Pages S12449–S12504**

Treaty Rejected: By 48 yeas to 51 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 325), two-thirds of the Senators present and not having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, opened for signature and signed by the United States at New York on September 24, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105–28) was not agreed to and the Senate does not advise and consent to the ratification of the treaty. **Pages S12505–50**

During today's proceedings of the Senate, the following action also occurred:

By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 324), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session. **Pages S12504–05**

FAA Authorization—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 1000, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Senators McCain, Stevens, Burns, Gorton, Lott, Hollings, Inouye, Rockefeller, and Kerry; and from the Committee on the Budget for the consideration of Title IX: Senators Domenici, Grassley, Nickles, Lautenberg, and Conrad. **Page S12563**

Department of Defense Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2561, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal

year ending September 30, 2000, on Thursday, October 14, 1999, with a vote on adoption to occur at 4 p.m. Page S12550

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Food Aid Convention 1999 (Treaty Doc. No. 106-14).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed. Page S12563

Notice of Intent: A notice of intent was submitted to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate that would require any Senator to report credible information of corruption to the Select Committee on Ethics. Page S12552

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

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a report relative to telecommunications payments pursuant to Treasury Department specific licenses; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-64). Page S12552

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Department of Defense nomination in the rank of general. Page S12564

Messages From the President: Page S12552

Messages From the House: Pages S12552-53

Measures Referred: Page S12553

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—325) Pages S12504-05, S12548

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 14, 1999. (For Senate's program, see

the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12564.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FLEET AND STRATEGIC LIFT OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded hearings on the force structure impacts on fleet and strategic lift operations, after receiving testimony from Vice Adm. William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, United States Second Fleet; Vice Adm. Daniel J. Murphy, Jr., USN, Commander, United States Sixth Fleet; Maj. Gen. Charles H. Coolidge, Jr., USAF, Director of Operations and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command; and Maj. Gen. Emil R. Bedard, USMC, Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

NATIONAL PARKS/HISTORIC PRESERVATION/RECREATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 167, to extend the authorization for the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council and to authorize construction and operation of a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, New York and Pennsylvania, S. 311, to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs, S. 497, to designate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills", H.R. 592, to designate a portion of Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War Veterans Park at Miller Field", S. 919, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor, H.R. 1619, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor, S. 1296, to designate portions of the lower Delaware River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1366, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on land owned by New York State, and S. 1569, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, after receiving testimony from Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director National Park Service,

Department of the Interior; Robert A. Gaines, Commissioner, National Capitol Planning Commission; Arthur H. Wilson, on behalf of the Disabled American Veterans, Lois Pope, and Jesse Brown, all of the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, Inc., Washington, D.C.; William E. Douglass, Upper Delaware Council, Inc., Narrowsburg, New York; Charlene Perkins Cutler, Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., Putnam, Connecticut; and William S. Napolitano, Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District, Taunton, Massachusetts.

FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on S. 188, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the use of State revolving loan funds for construction of water conservation and quality improvements, S. 1706, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exclude from stormwater regulation certain areas and activities, and to improve the regulation and limit the liability of local governments concerning co-permitting and the implementation of control measures, and S. 669, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure compliance by Federal facilities with pollution control requirements, after receiving testimony from Senator Burns; J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Bruce deGrazia, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Quality; Maryland Assistant Attorney General Mary Rosewin Sweeney, Annapolis, on behalf of the National Association of Attorneys General; Helen Walker, Victoria County Court, Victoria, Texas, on behalf of the Texas Counties Storm Water Coalition; Doug Harrison, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, Fresno, California, on behalf of the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies; Steve Fleischli, Santa Monica BayKeeper, Santa Monica, California; and Jan Lee, Oregon Water Resources Congress, Salem.

FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care held hearings on S. 1327, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, receiving testimony from Senator Bond; Representatives Cardin, DeLay, and Nancy Johnson; Sister Mary Rose McGready, Covenant House, New York, New York; Abigail English, Center for Adolescent Health and the Law, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Percy Bailey, Webster Groves, Missouri; and Terry Hurrak, Annandale, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

WTO ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings on the upcoming World Trade Organization Ministerial meeting agenda, focusing on electronic commerce expansion between Europe and the United States, after receiving testimony from Susan G. Esserman, Deputy United States Trade Representative; and James F. Whitaker, Hewlett-Packard Company, on behalf of the Information Technology Industry Council, Arthur B. Sackler, Time Warner, Inc., George Vradenburg, III, America Online, Inc., Eric S. Koenig, Microsoft Corporation, on behalf of the Business Software Alliance, and Jeff Kann, Visa U.S.A., all of Washington, D.C.

PAIN MANAGEMENT AND END-OF-LIFE CARE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine pain management and improving end of life care issues, S. 1272, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia, and S. 941, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a public response to the public health crisis of pain, after receiving testimony from Senators Nickles, Wyden, Mack, and Lieberman; Yank D. Coble, Miami, Florida, on behalf of the American Medical Association; Gerald H. Holman, Crown of Texas Hospice, Amarillo, on behalf of the National Hospice Organization; James P. Rathmell, University of Vermont College of Medicine, Burlington, on behalf of the American Society of Anesthesiologists; and David E. Joranson, University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center, Madison.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 964, to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1508, to provide technical and legal assistance for tribal justice systems and members of Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NATIVE AMERICAN SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1507, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Michel

Lincoln, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Raymond Daw, Na'nizhoozhi Center, Inc., Gallup, New Mexico; Yvette Joseph-Fox, National Indian Health Board, Denver, Colorado; and Robert L. Greene, New York, New York, on behalf of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.

INTERNATIONAL Y2K ISSUES

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee concluded hearings on international Year 2000 technology issues, focusing on security, economic, and humanitarian implications, after receiving testimony from Bonnie R. Cohen, Under Secretary of State for Management; Lawrence K.

Gershwin, National Intelligence Officer for Science and Technology, Central Intelligence Agency; Michael J. Copps, Assistant Secretary for Trade Development, International Trade Administration, and James L. Price, Chief Economist, both of the Department of Commerce; Nick Gogerty, International Monitoring, London, England; Howard A. Rubin, City University of New York Hunter College, Pound City, New York, on behalf of the Gap-Gemini; and James Moody, InterAction, Washington, D.C.

Also, committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the status of United States strategic assets worldwide from Adm. Robert Willard, Joint Staff, Department of Defense.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3063–3071; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 197, were introduced. Page H10032

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1753, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, amended (H. Rept. 106–377 Pt. 1);

H.R. 2260, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia (H. Rept. 106–378 Pt. 1);

Conference report on H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–379);

H. Res. 328, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–380);

H. Res. 329, providing for consideration of H.R. 2679, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the National Motor Carrier Administration in the Department of Transportation, to improve the safety of commercial motor vehicle operators and carriers, to strengthen commercial driver's licenses (H. Rept. 106–381); and

H. Res. 330, providing for consideration of H.R. 3064, 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 (H. Rept. 106–382). Pages H9983–H10030, H10032

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Ronald D. Gerson of Athens, Georgia. Page H9903

Department of Defense Appropriations Act: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2561, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 372 yeas to 55 nays, Roll No. 494. Pages H9909–21

H. Res. 326, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by voice vote. Pages H9907–09

Export Enhancement Act—OPIC Authorization: The House passed H.R. 1993, to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency by a recorded vote of 357 yeas to 71 noes, Roll No. 499. Pages H9923–57

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to:

The Terry amendment that directs OPIC to address concerns that it does not promptly dispose of legitimate claims regarding projects that it insures or guarantees and recognize that private parties face financial obligations that cannot be deferred indefinitely; Pages H9930–33

The Gejdenson amendment that prohibits approval of projects that may have an adverse environmental impact until assessments have been made available to the public for a 60 day comment period and requires that OPIC meet with at least one representative of individuals who have concerns about the project's environmental impact; **Pages H9934–37**

The Traficant amendment, as modified, that requires an annual report on countries where United States goods or services do not have market access; **Pages H9951–52**

The Manzullo amendment that clarifies that the Global Diversity and Urban Export Initiative will focus on businesses that, because of their minority ownership, may have been excluded from export trade; **Page H9952**

The Rohrabacher amendment, as amended, that prohibits OPIC funding for manufacturing enterprises in foreign countries if such investments would cause a reduction in manufacturing in the United States. Earlier, agreed to the Manzullo amendment to the Rohrabacher amendment that limited the prohibition to investments that cause a reduction in U.S. manufacturing (agreed to by a recorded vote of 379 ayes to 49 noes, Roll No. 495);

Pages H9937–42, H9953–54

The Terry amendment, as amended, that requires a GAO report that reviews claims processing by OPIC and includes an analysis of claims paid, settled, and denied. Earlier, agreed to the Menendez amendment to the Terry amendment that specified the GAO review of OPIC claims processing activity (agreed to by a recorded vote of 259 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 497);

Pages H9945–48, H9955

The Terry amendment, as amended, that requires OPIC to publish and report to Congress interventions, by other Federal departments or agencies, with the intent to impede or delay the timing or settlement of any claim. Earlier, agreed to the Menendez amendment to the Terry amendment that clarifies that the interventions requiring public disclosure are those that intend to impede or delay (agreed to by a recorded vote of 253 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 498); and

Pages H9948–50, H9955–56

Rejected:

The Sanford amendment that sought to authorize OPIC for one year instead of four (rejected by a recorded vote of 104 ayes to 323 noes, Roll No. 496);

Pages H9942–45, H9954–55

Withdrawn:

The Rohrabacher substitute amendment to the Gejdenson amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require that OPIC provide all relevant environmental impact statements, assessments, and audits for a 60 day public comment period before any project is approved. **Pages H9936–37**

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to correct sections numbers, cross references, punctuation, indentation, and any other technical and conforming changes necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 327, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H9921–23

Celebrating One America: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 141, celebrating One America.

Pages H9957–58

Commerce, Justice, and State Appropriations—Motion to Instruct: Representative Tancredo notified the House of his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, to agree to provisions that (1) reduce nonessential spending in programs within the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and other related agencies; (2) reduce spending on international organizations, in particular, in order to honor the commitment of the Congress to protect Social Security; and (3) do not increase overall spending to a level that exceeds the higher of the House bill or the Senate amendment.

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Juvenile Justice Reform—Motion to Instruct: Representative Jackson-Lee notified the House of her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1501, to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders to insist that (1) the committee of conference should immediately have its first substantive meeting to offer amendments and motions, including gun safety amendments and motions, and (2) the committee of conference report a conference substitute by October 20, the six month anniversary of the tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, and with sufficient opportunity for both the House and the Senate to consider gun safety legislation prior to adjournment.

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Presidential Message—Payments to Cuba: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his semiannual report on payments to Cuba—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:27 p.m. and reconvened at 11:07 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:08 p.m. and reconvened at 11:57 p.m.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on pages H9961–62.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H10033.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9920–21, H9953–54, H9954–55, H9955, H9955–56, and H9956–57. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE POLICY— ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on U.S. national missile defense policy and the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. Testimony was heard from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of State; Lucas Fischer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Strategic Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2580, amended, Land Recycling Act of 1999; H.R. 2634, amended, Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 1999; H. Res. 278, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of education, early detection and treatment, and other efforts in the fight against breast cancer; H.R. 2418, amended, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Amendments of 1999; and H.R. 2260, amended, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2, Students Results Act; and H.R. 2300, Academic Achievement for All Act (Straight A's Act).

PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on a measure to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations held an oversight hearing of the Inter-American Foundation. Testimony was heard from the

following officials of the Inter-American Foundation: Maria Otero, Chair; George A. Evans, President; and Adolfo A. Franco, Senior Vice President and General Counsel; and a public witness.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD KOREA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward North Korea I: Perry Review. Testimony was heard from Representatives Knollenberg and Cox; and the following officials of the Department of State: William Perry, North Korea Policy Advisor; and Wendy R. Sherman, Counselor.

Hearings continue October 15.

VIOLATIONS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Violations of Intellectual Property Rights: How Do We Protect American Ingenuity? Testimony was heard from Raymond Kelly, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Richard Fisher, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Q. Tod Dickinson, Acting Assistant Secretary, Acting Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1801, Antitrust Technical Corrections Act of 1999; H.R. 3028, amended, Trademark Cyberpiracy Prevention Act; H.R. 1714, amended, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act; and H.R. 1887, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty.

ALASKAN MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2804, Alaska Federal Lands Management Demonstration Project; and H.R. 3013, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to allow shareholder common stock to be transferred to adopted Alaska Native children and their descendants. Testimony was heard from Marilyn Heiman, Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule waiving all points of order against H.R. 2679, Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1999 and against its consideration. The rule provides one hour of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule provides

that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted upon adoption of the rule, and that the bill, as amended, shall be open to amendment by title. The rule provides for the consideration, before any other amendment, of the manager's amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, which shall be considered as read, may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment, and shall not be subject to a division of the question. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting non-germane amendments) against the amendment printed in part B of the report. The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole 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.

CONFERENCE REPORT—VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points against the conference report on H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule also provides that H. Res. 300 shall be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Mr. Walsh.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule waiving all points of order against consideration of H.R. 3064, 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 provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

COMMERCIAL SPACEPLANES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Commercial Spaceplanes. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FATHERS COUNT ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee action the Fathers Count Act of 1999.

BRIEFING—FBI'S REEXAMINATION OF PRC THEFT OF U.S. NUCLEAR SECRETS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on the FBI's Reexamination of Matters Pertaining to the Likely PRC Theft of U.S. Nuclear Secrets. The Committee was briefed by departmental officials.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1109)

H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Signed October 9, 1999. (P.L. 106-69)

S. 1606, to extend for 9 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted. Signed October 9, 1999. (P.L. 106-70)

S. 249, to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. Signed October 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-71)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine risk management crop insurance, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the lessons learned from the military operations conducted as part of Operation Allied Force, and associated relief operations, with respect to Kosovo; to be followed by a closed hearing (SR-222), 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on S. 1683, to make technical changes to the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act; S. 1686, to provide for the conveyances of land interests to Chugach

Alaska Corporation to fulfill the intent, purpose, and promise of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; S. 1702, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to allow shareholder common stock to be transferred to adopted Alaska Native children and their descendants; 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; and H.R. 2368, to assist in the resettlement and relocation of the people of Bikini Atoll by amending the terms of the trust fund established during the United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1218, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue to the Landusky School District, without consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estates of certain lots; S. 610, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming; S. 1343, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest land to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery; S. 408, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the City of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center; S. 1629, to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Oregon; and S. 1599, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Black Hills National Forest and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire replacement sites and to acquire or construct administrative improvements in connection with Black Hills National Forest, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Clean Air Act, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings on issues related to the crisis in Pakistan, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the devastating impact that diabetes and its resulting complications have had on Americans in both human and economic terms, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing

to review the USDA Civil Rights Programs and Responsibilities, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Olympics Site Selection Process: The Need for Reform, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on How the Quality of Grant Performance is Assessed at the U.S. Department of Labor, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on International Child Abduction: Implementation of the Hague Convention on Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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Program for Thursday: Senate will consider the conference report on H.R. 2561, Department of Defense Appropriations, with a vote to occur on adoption of the conference report at 4 p.m.

Also, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1593, Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, and any other conference reports when available.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2684, Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000 Conference Report (rule waiving points of order);

Consideration of H.R. 2679, Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1999 (open rule, one hour of general debate); and

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