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TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 4475, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill, as amended, except as otherwise specified in the rule. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf and Sabo.

VA DISABILITY CLAIMS PROCESSING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA disability claims processing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Michael Slachta, Jr., Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary, Benefits; Cynthia Bascetta, Associate Director, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Child Support Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cox and Castle; Olivia A. Golden, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Marilyn Ray Smith, Associate Deputy Commissioner and Chief Legal Counsel, Child Support Enforcement Division, Department of Revenue, State of Massachusetts; Howard Baldwin, Deputy Attorney General, Office of Child Support, State of Texas; Laura Kadwell, Director, Office of Child Support Enforcement, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

MILLENNIUM DIGITAL COMMERCE ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of 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, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the extent to which fraud and criminal activities are affecting commerce on the internet, focusing on the widespread availability of false identification documents and credentials on the internet and the criminal uses to which such identification is put, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on the Census, oversight hearing of the 2000 Census: Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation—Still More Questions than Answers, 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up H. Con. Res. 293, urging compliance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Monday, May 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will be in a period of morning business during which two Senators will be recognized for speeches. Also, Senate expects to consider certain judicial nominations.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, May 19

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 4475, Transportation Appropriations for FY 2001 (open rule, one hour of debate) and

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