

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 4680, Medicare Rx 2000 Act.
House Committee ordered reported 18 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5941–S6040

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2803–2811, S. Res. 329, and S. Con. Res. 125. **Page S6015**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report to accompany S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system. (S. Rept. No. 106–324)

H.R. 4249, An act to foster cross-border cooperation and environmental cleanup in Northern Europe.

S. Res. 239, expressing the sense of the Senate that Nadia Dabbagh, who was abducted from the United States, should be returned home to her mother, Ms. Maureen Dabbagh.

S. Res. 309, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding conditions in Laos.

S. Res. 329, urging the Government of Argentina to pursue and punish those responsible for the 1994 attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

S. Con. Res. 57, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community, and with an amended preamble.

S. Con. Res. 122, Concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States nonrecognition policy of the Soviet takeover of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and calling for positive steps to promote a peaceful and democratic future for the Baltic region. **Page S6013**

Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 125, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Pages S5954, S6028**

Jicarilla Apache Reservation Feasibility Study: Senate passed H.R. 3051, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Jicarilla Apache Reserva-

tion in the State of New Mexico, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S6033–34**

Native American Trade Promotion: Senate passed S. 2719, to provide for business development and trade promotion for Native Americans. **Pages S6034–35**

Chief Washakie Statue: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 333, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Chief Washakie, presented by the people of Wyoming, for placement in National Statuary Hall. **Pages S6035–36**

Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 344, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to Father Theodore Hesburgh. **Page S6036**

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4577, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5941–S6003**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 151), Hutchison/Collins Amendment No. 3619, to clarify that funds appropriated under this Act to carry out innovative programs under section 6301(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 shall be available for same gender schools. **Pages S5941–42**

By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 152), Harkin (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3658, to fund a coordinated national effort to prevent, detect, and educate the public concerning Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect and to identify effective interventions for children, adolescents, and adults with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect. **Pages S5942–44**

Wellstone Amendment 3644, to provide funds for the loan forgiveness for child care providers program, with an offset. **Pages S5957–60**

Reid (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 3680, to provide for a certification program to improve the effectiveness and responsiveness of suicide hotlines and crisis centers. **Pages S5971–77**

Voinovich Amendment No. 3641, to permit appropriations to be used for programs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S5984–86**

Rejected:

Landrieu Amendment No. 3645, to provide funding for targeted grants under section 1125 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. (By 75 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 158), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5986–90, S5993**

Jeffords Amendment No. 3655, to increase the appropriations for carrying out the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. (By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 159), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5990–92, S5993–94**

Pending:

Frist Modified Amendment No. 3654, to increase the amount appropriated for the Interagency Education Research Initiative. **Pages S6000–03**

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

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 153), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Kennedy Amendment No. 3661, to provide an additional \$202,000,000 to carry out title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965, relating to the training and recruitment of teachers. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S5944–52**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 154), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Dodd Amendment No. 3672, to provide \$1,000,000,000 for Twenty-first Century Community Learning Centers. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S5952–54, S5977**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 155), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Kerrey Amendment 3659, to increase funding for the technology literacy challenge fund. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S5955–57, S5978**

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 156), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having

voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Reed Amendment No. 3638, to provide funds for the GEAR UP Program. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S5961–63, S5978–79**

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 157), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Kennedy Amendment No. 3678, to adjust appropriations for workforce investment activities and related activities. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S5963–71, S5979**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, pending amendment, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, June 29, 2000, with a vote to occur on the pending amendment.

Disclosure of Political Activities: Senate completed consideration of H.R. 4762, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require 527 organizations to disclose their political activities. **Pages S5994–S6000**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on final passage to occur on Thursday, June 29, 2000. **Page S5994**

Radiation Exposure: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1515, to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act. **Page S6036**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Donald Mancuso, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense.

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2006. **Page S6040**

Messages From the House: **Pages S6010–11**

Measures Referred: **Page S6011**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Pages S5941, S6011**

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Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—159)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 29, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6040.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AIRLINE CUSTOMER SERVICE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine the status after six months of the major airlines' implementation of their Airline Customer Service Commitment, to improve customer service, accountability, enforcement, and commercial air passengers protection, receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; and Donald J. Carty, American Airlines, Dallas, Texas, Mary Jopplin, Continental Airlines, Houston, Texas, and Vicki Escarra, Delta Air Lines, Atlanta, Georgia, all on behalf of the Air Transport Association.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2797, to authorize a comprehensive Everglades restoration plan, with amendments; and

S. 2796, 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the Committee, the bill incorporates the text of S. 2797, a related measure.)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled the Marriage Tax Relief Reconciliation Act.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to provide for international debt forgiveness and the strengthening of anticorruption measures and accountability at international financial institutions;

An original bill to authorize appropriations to carry out security assistance for fiscal year 2001;

An original bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the provision of assistance to increase the availability of credit to microenterprises lacking full access to credit, to establish a Microfinance Loan Facility;

An original bill to authorize additional assistance to countries with large populations having HIV/AIDS, to authorize assistance for tuberculosis prevention, treatment, control, and elimination;

An original concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should support free and fair elections and respect for democracy in Haiti;

S. Res. 239, expressing the sense of the Senate that Nadia Dabbagh, who was abducted from the United States, should be returned home to her mother, Ms. Maureen Dabbagh;

S. Res. 309, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding conditions in Laos;

S. Res. 329, urging the Government of Argentina to pursue and punish those responsible for the 1994 attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina;

S. Con. Res. 57, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community, with an amendment;

S. Con. Res. 113, expressing the sense of the Congress in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the free and fair elections in Burma and the urgent need to improve the democratic and human rights of the people of Burma, with an amendment;

S. Con. Res. 122, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States nonrecognition policy of the Soviet takeover of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and calling for positive steps to promote a peaceful and democratic future for the Baltic region;

S. Con. Res. 124, expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to Iraq's failure to release prisoners of war from Kuwait and nine other nations in violation of international agreements;

H.R. 4249, to foster cross-border cooperation and environmental cleanup in Northern Europe; and

The nominations of Owen James Sheaks, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State; John Edward Herbst, of Virginia, to be to the Republic of Uzbekistan; Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine; Ross L. Wilson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan; Mary Ann Peters, of California, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh; Janet A. Sanderson, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria; E. Ashley Wills, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives; Karl William Hofmann, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic; John W. Limbert, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania; Roger A. Meece, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi; Sharon P. Wilkinson, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique; Donald Y. Yamamoto, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti; and Pamela E. Bridgewater, of

Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

LIBERATION OF IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine the progress report of the liberation of Iraq, after receiving testimony from Richard N. Perle, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security; and Ahmad Chalabi, Iraqi National Congress, London, England.

TREATMENT OF U.S. BUSINESS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine the treatment of U.S. business in Central and Eastern Europe, after receiving testimony from Earl Anthony Wayne, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs; Ronald S. Lauder, Central European Media Enterprises, New York, New York; Kempton Jenkins, Ukraine U.S. Business Council, Washington, D.C.; and Peter K. Nevitt, Greenbrier Europe, San Francisco, California.

WWII POW SLAVE LABOR LAWSUIT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to determine whether those who profited from the forced labor of American World War II Prisoners of War once held and forced into labor for private Japanese companies have an obligation to remedy their wrongs and whether the United States can help facilitate an appropriate resolution, after receiving testimony from Senator Bingaman; David W. Ogden, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Ronald J. Bettauer, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State; Harold G. Maier, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, Tennessee; and Harold W. Poole, Salt Lake City, Utah, Frank Bigelow, Brooksville, Florida, Les-

ter I. Tenney, La Jolla, California, Maurice Mazer, Boca Raton, Florida, and Edward Jackfert, Wellsburg, West Virginia, all former WWII Prisoners of War.

INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings on the National Commission on Terrorism's report on issues relating to efforts being made by the intelligence and law enforcement communities to counter, and U.S. policies regarding, the changing threat of international terrorism to the United States, after receiving testimony from L. Paul Bremer III, Chairman, National Commission on Terrorism; R. James Woolsey, Shea and Gardner, Washington, D.C., former Director of Central Intelligence; Jane Harman, Harman International, Los Angeles, California; John F. Lewis Jr., Goldman, Sachs and Company, New York, New York; and Juliette N. Kayyem, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

INDIAN TRIBAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2283, to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; Rodger Vicenti, Jicarilla Apache Tribe, Dulce, New Mexico; Pete Red Tomahawk, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Ft. Yates, North Dakota; David Whitener, Sr., Squaxin Island Tribe, Shelton, Washington; and Pat Ragsdale, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 4776–4781, and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 365, were introduced. Page H5435

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 2848, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 and the Small Business Act to establish a New Markets Venture Capital Program, to establish an America's Private Investment Company Program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a New Markets Tax Credit, amended (H. Rept. 106–706, Pt. 1).

H. Res. 540, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 106–707);

H. Res. 541, providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period (H. Rept. 106–708); and

H. Res. 542, providing for consideration of H.R. 1304, to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of health care professionals and health plan and health plans and health insurance issuers in the same manner as such

laws apply to collective bargaining by labor organizations under the National Labor Relations Act (H. Rept. 106–709). **Page H5435**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5299**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain Rev. Mark A. Teslik of East Moline, Illinois. **Page H5299**

Medicare RX 2000 Act: The House passed H.R. 4680, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, and to modernize the Medicare Program by a ye and nay vote of 217 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 357. **Pages H5319–H5415**

Rejected the Stark motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with a Medicare prescription medicine plan with various features which provides a benefit available to all Medicare beneficiaries including those in rural areas by a ye and nay vote of 204 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 356. **Pages H5398–S5414**

Earlier, a point of order was sustained against a Stark motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that inserts the provisions of the Medicare Guaranteed and Defined Rx Benefit and Health Provider Relief Act of 2000. Agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a ye and nay vote of 224 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 355. **Pages H5383–98**

Pursuant to the rule, the Committee on Ways and Means amendment now printed in the bill, H. Rept. 106–703, part 1, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 106–705, the report accompanying the rule, were considered as adopted. **Page H5334**

Agreed to H. Res. 539, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 213 noes, Roll No. 349. Agreed to table the Goss motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 204 noes, Roll No. 350. **Pages H5300–18**

Agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a ye and nay vote of 227 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 347. Agreed to table the Moakley motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 220 yeas to 205 noes, Roll No. 348. **Pages H5315–17**

Earlier, Representative Stenholm made the point of order that H. Res. 539 violated section 426(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Subsequently agreed to consider the resolution by a ye and nay vote of 224 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 344. Agreed to table the Frank of Massachusetts motion to recon-

sider the vote by a recorded vote of 219 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 345. **Pages H5300–03**

Lastly, agreed to permit the use of exhibits during debate of the bill by the following Members: Representative Menendez by a ye and nay vote of 371 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 352; Representative Olver by a recorded vote of 326 yeas to 92 noes, Roll No. 353; and Representative Hooley by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 191 noes with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 354. **Pages H5370–71, H5371–72, H5372–73**

Motions to Adjourn: Rejected the Bonior motion to adjourn by a ye and nay vote of 166 yeas to 237 nays, Roll No. 343. Rejected the Frank of Massachusetts motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 174 yeas to 242 noes, Roll No. 346. Rejected the Moakley motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 244 noes, Roll No. 351. **Pages H5300, H5303–04, H5318–19**

Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House agreed to H. Res. 538, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 4461, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 232 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 358. **Pages H5415–23**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following motion to suspend the rules upon which further proceedings were postponed:

Supplemental Medicare Funding: H. Res. 535, sense of the House concerning the use of additional projected surplus funds to supplement Medicare funding, previously reduced under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and **Pages H5423–26**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Drug Import Fairness Act: H.R. 3240, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify certain responsibilities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the importation of drugs into the United States. **Pages H5426–34**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5436–37.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight ye and nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5300, H5302–03, H5303, H5303–04, H5315–16, H5316–17, H5317, H5318, H5318–19, H5370–71, H5371–72, H5372–73, H5398, H5413–14, H5414–15, and H5422–23. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:27 a.m. on Thursday, June 29.

Committee Meetings

WATER POLLUTION PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT; EPA'S PROCESSED TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD RULES

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on the following: H.R. 4502 Water Pollution Program Improvement Act of 2000; and EPA's proposed Total Maximum Daily Load rules on agriculture and silviculture. Testimony was heard from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; Peter F. Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY LABORATORIES MEASURES

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 534, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the recent nuclear weapons security failures at Los Alamos National Laboratory demonstrate that security policy and security procedures within the National Nuclear Security Administration remain inadequate, that the individuals responsible for such policy and procedures must be held accountable for their performance, and that immediate action must be taken to correct security deficiencies; H.R. 3906, amended, to ensure that the Department of Energy has appropriate mechanisms to independently assess the effectiveness of its policy and site performance in the areas of safeguards and security and cyber security; H.R. 4446, amended, to ensure that the Secretary of Energy may continue to exercise certain authorities under the Price-Anderson Act through the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety, and Health; H.R. 3383, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions; and H.R. 4737, amended, Nuclear Security Act.

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the National Missile Defense Program. Testimony was heard from Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology), Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

INTERNET GAMBLING FUNDING PROHIBITION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4419, Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act.

AMERICAN CONSUMER—SUMMER ENERGY CONCERNS

Committee on Commerce: Held a hearing on Summer Energy Concerns for the American Consumer. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of

Energy; Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation; Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

RISING FUEL PRICES—APPROPRIATE FEDERAL RESPONSE

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on Rising Fuel Prices and the Appropriate Federal Response. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy; Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

SEMIPOSTAL AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Postal Service approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4437, Semipostal Authorization Act.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Administration: Met to consider pending business.

U.S. ASSISTANCE TO MICRONESIA AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Assistance to Micronesia and the Marshall Islands: A Question of Accountability. Testimony was heard from Susan S. Westin, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Division, GAO; Ferdinand Aranza, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Allen Stayman, Special Negotiator, Compact of Free Association, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Fred Smith, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary, Asia-Pacific Affairs, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 4528, amended, International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000, H. Con. Res. 328, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the free and fair elections in Burma and the urgent need to improve the democratic and human rights of the people of Burma; H. Con. Res. 257, amended, Concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community; S. Con. Res. 81, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release Rabiya Kadeer, her secretary, and her son, and permit them to move to the United States if they so desire; and H. Con. Res. 348, amended, expressing condemnation of the use of children as soldiers and expressing the belief that the United States should support and, where possible, lead efforts to end this abuse of human rights.

LATIN AMERICA—DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH AND POVERTY REDUCTION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Development, Growth and Poverty Reduction in Latin America: Assessing the Effectiveness of Assistance. Testimony was heard from William E. Schuerch, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Development, Debt and Environmental Policy, Department of the Treasury; Carl Leonard, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, AID, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OIL INDUSTRY SOLUTIONS TO COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued oversight hearings on Solutions to Competitive Problems in the Oil Industry: Part 3. Testimony was heard from Representatives Collins, Stabenow, Hall of Ohio, Hoekstra and Barrett of Wisconsin; Rich Parker, Director, Bureau of Competition, FTC; Bob Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Air and Pollution, EPA; Melanie Kenderdine, Acting Director, Office of Policy, Department of Energy; Tommy Thompson, Governor, State of Wisconsin; George Ryan, Governor, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 755, amended, Guam War Restitution Act; S. 1030, to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws; S. 1508, Indian Tribal Justice Technical and Legal Assistance Act of 1999; S. 1705, Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act of 2000; H.R. 2296, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide that the number of members on the legislature of the Virgin Islands and the number of such members constituting a quorum shall be determined by the laws of the Virgin Islands; H.R. 2462, amended, Guam Omnibus Opportunities Act; H.R. 2671, Yankton Sioux Tribe and Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska Development Trust Fund Act; H.R. 4148, amended, Tribal Contract Support Cost Technical Amendments of 2000; H.R. 4286, amended, to provide for the establishment of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama; H.R. 4404, amended, to permit the payment of medical expenses incurred by the United States Park Police in the performance of duty to be made directly by the National Park Service, to allow for waiver and indemnification in mutual law enforcement agreements between the National Park Service and a State or political subdivision when required by State law; and H.R. 4442, National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act.

QUALITY HEALTH-CARE COALITION ACT OF 2000

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 2000, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. 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.

INDEPENDENCE DAY DISTRICT WORK PERIOD ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for the adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule lays House Resolution 469 and 482 on the table.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported on or before the legislative day of Friday, June 30, 2000, providing for the consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4425) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes,

or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

VIETNAM—DISAPPROVING EXTENSION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN TRADE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Adversely reported H.J. Res. 99, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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H.R. 4387, to provide that the School Governance Charter Amendment Act of 2000 shall take effect upon the date such Act is ratified by the voters of the District of Columbia. Signed June 27, 2000. (P.L. 106–226)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Armed Services: business meeting to mark up S. 2507, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, 9:15 a.m., SR–222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the report of the National Missile Defense Independent Review Team; to be followed by a closed hearing (SH–219), 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the United States Forest Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan amendment, and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Plan, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 134, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study whether the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore should be protected as a wilderness area; S. 2051, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area; S. 2279, to authorize the addition of land to Sequoia National Park; and S. 2512, to convey certain Federal properties on Governors Island, New York, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold hearings on pending issues in the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to hold hearings on S. 2700, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for

brownfields revitalization, to enhance State response programs, 2 p.m., SD–406.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the nationwide crisis of mortgage fraud, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the rising oil prices and the efficiency and effectiveness of the Executive Branch Response, 1 p.m., SD–342.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review factors affecting domestic and international agricultural input prices, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism, hearing on terrorism and threats to U.S. interests in Latin America, 2 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to mark up H.R. 4585, Medical Financial Privacy Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life Long Learning and the Subcommittee on Human Resources of the Committee on Ways and Means, joint hearing on Welfare Reform: Assessing the Progress of Work-Related Provisions, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: H.R. 4049, Privacy Commission Act; a report entitled "Making the Federal Government Accountable" Enforcing the Mandate for Effective Financial Management"; H.R. 4744, Truth in Regulating Act of 2000"; H.R. 3454, to designate the United States Post Office located at 451 College Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "Henry McNeal Turner Post Office"; H.R. 3909, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4601 South Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Henry W. McGee Post Office Building"; H.R. 3985, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14900 Southwest 30th Street in Miramar City, Florida, as the "Vicki Coceano Post Office Building"; H.R. 4157, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Lincoln Avenue in Pasadena, California, as the "Matthew 'Mack' Robinson Post Office Building"; H.R. 4430, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11831 Scaggsville Road in Fulton, Maryland, as the "Alfred Rascon Post Office Building"; H.R. 4517, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 24 Tsienneto Road in Derry, New Hampshire, as the "Alan B. Shepard, Jr., Post Office Building"; H.R. 4484, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Washington Street in Rockville, Maryland, as the "Everett Alvarez, Jr. Post Office Building"; H.R. 4534, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Ridge Street in Lenoir, North Carolina, as the "James T. Broyhill Post Office Building"; H.R. 4554, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1602 Frankford Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Smith Post Office Building"; H.R. 4615, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3030 Meredith Avenue in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Reverend J.C. Wade Post Office"; H.R. 4625, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2108 East 38th Street in Erie, Pennsylvania, as

the "Gertrude A. Barber Post Office Building"; H.R. 4658, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Green Street in Fayetteville, North Carolina, as the "J.L. Dawkins Post Office Building"; and H.R. 4437, Semipostal Authorization Act, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations hearing on Infectious Diseases: A Growing Threat to America's Health and Security, 10 a.m., and to mark up the following measures: the Defense and Security Assistance Act of 2000; H.R. 3673, United States Panama Partnership Act of 2000; H.R. 4697, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to ensure that United States assistance programs promote good governance by assisting other countries to combat corruption throughout society and to promote transparency and increased accountability for all levels of government and throughout the private sector; H.R. 4002, Famine Prevention and Freedom from Hunger Improvement Act of 2000; H.R. 4528, International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000; H. Con. Res. 348, Expressing condemnation of the use of children as soldiers and expressing the belief that the United States should support and, where possible, lead efforts to end this abuse of human rights; H. Con. Res. 232, Expressing the sense of Congress concerning the safety and well-being of United States citizens injured while traveling in Mexico; H. Con. Res. 322, expressing the sense of Congress regarding Vietnamese Americans and others who seek to improve social and political conditions in Vietnam; H. Res. 531, condemning the 1994 attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, urging the Argentine Government to punish those responsible; S. Con. Res. 81, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release Rabiya Kadeer, her secretary, and her son, and permit them to move to the United States if they so desire; H. Con. Res. 297, Congratulating the Republic of Hungary on the millennium of its foundation as a state; and H. Con. Res. 319, congratulating the Republic of Latvia on the 10th anniversary of the reestab-

lishment of its independence from the rule of the former Soviet Union, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4267, Internet Tax Reform and Reduction Act of 2000; H.R. 4460, Internet Tax Simplification Act of 2000; and H.R. 4462, Fair and Equitable Interstate Tax Compact Simplification Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on The Internet and Federal Courts: Issues and Obstacles, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up H.R. 2883, Adopted Orphans Citizenship Act; followed by an oversight hearing on Evaluating the Religious Worker Visa Programs, 10 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, to mark up a resolution directing the Chairman of the Subcommittee to report to the full Committee that three witnesses testifying at oversight hearings on May 4, 2000 and May 18, 2000 refused to answer questions while testifying under subpoena, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up H.R. 4320, Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Service Performance Measures, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on the CALFED program, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Cost Overruns and Delays in the FAA's Wide Area Augmentation System and Related Radio Spectrum Issues, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Complexity in Administration of Federal Tax Laws, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will vote on final passage of H.R. 4762, Disclosure of Political Activities, following which, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4577, Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations, with a vote to occur on Frist Modified Amendment No. 3654.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 4461, Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations (open rule, one hour of general debate);

Consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 4425, Military Construction Appropriations Act, 2001 (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 2000 (structured rule, one hour of debate).

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