

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Disclosure of Political Activities bill.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4425, Military Construction and Supplemental Appropriations (H. Rept. 106-710).

The House passed H.R. Quality Health-Care Coalition Act.

The House agreed to H. Res. 535, Use of Budget Surpluses to Supplement Medicare Funding.

House Committees ordered 17 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6041-S6183

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2812-2833, and S. Res. 330-331. **Pages S6120-21**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

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, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106-325)

S. 869, for the relief of Mina Vahedi Notash.

S. 2413, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedures and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests. **Page S6120**

Measures Passed:

Disclosure of Political Activities: By 92 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 160), Senate passed H.R. 4762, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require 527 organizations to disclose their political activities, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S6041-47**

Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 331, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in *United States v. Ellen Rose Hart*. **Pages S6145-46, S6182**

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 S6047-61, S6062-S6103**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 161), Frist Modified Amendment No. 3654, to increase the amount appropriated for the Interagency Education Research Initiative. **Pages S6047-48**

By 60 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 162), Reid (for Conrad) Modified Amendment No. 3690, to establish an off-budget lockbox to strengthen Social Security and Medicare. **Pages S6053-56, S6058-61, S6062-67**

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 163), Ashcroft Amendment No. 3689, to protect Social Security and Medicare surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms. **Pages S6053-56, S6067**

By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 165), Jeffords Amendment No. 3691, to prohibit health discrimination on the basis of genetic information or genetic services. **Pages S6067-78**

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 166), Nickles Amendment No. 3694, to increase access to health care and to protect consumers in managed care plans and in other health coverage. **Pages S6078-93**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 164), Harkin (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3688, to prohibit health insurance companies from using genetic information to discriminate against enrollees, and to prohibit employers from using such information to discriminate in the workplace. **Pages S6048-53, S6067-78**

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 167), Dorgan Amendment No. 3693, to require a Federal floor

with respect to protections for individuals enrolled in health plans. **Pages S6078–93**

Pending:

Helms Amendment No. 3697, to prohibit the expenditure of certain appropriated funds for the distribution or provision of, or the provision of a prescription for, postcoital emergency contraception. **Pages S6094–95**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3698, to provide for a limitation on the use of funds for certain agreements involving the conveyance of licensing of a drug. **Pages S6095–99**

Harkin Amendment No. 3699, to fully fund the programs of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S6099–S6103**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to waive the Budget Act for consideration of the pending Gramm point of order be withdrawn. **Page S6084**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and pending amendments, on Friday, June 30, 2000, with votes to occur thereon. **Page S6093**

A further unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon final passage of the bill, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Defense Authorization: By prior unanimous consent, the adoption of McCain Amendment No. 3214 (agreed to by the Senate June 8, 2000), to S. 2549, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, was vitiated and, subsequently, the amendment was withdrawn.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 148, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S6180–82**

Messages From the House: **Page S6116**

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Daniel G. Webber, Jr., of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.

James L. Whigham, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois.

Russell John Qualliotine, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York.

Julio F. Mercado, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement, Department of Justice. **Page S6183**

Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—167) **Pages S6047–48, S6067, S6078, S6092–93**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:30 p.m., until, 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 30, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6183.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2697, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1155, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 2811, to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to make communities with high levels of out-migration or population loss eligible for community facilities grants.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session and ordered favorably reported 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, with amendments.

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings on the report of the National Missile Defense Independent Review Team to examine the progress being made toward the Deployment Readiness Review and towards the planned Initial Operating Capability of 2005 for a limited, C1 system, as well as the acquisition approach to, and testing of, the program, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization; and Gen. Larry R. Welch, USAF (Ret.), Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the National Missile Defense Independent Review Team.

PUBLIC FOREST LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Dale Bosworth, Regional Forester, Northern Region, and Bradley E. Powell, Regional Forester, Pacific Southwest Region, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein, Moynihan, and Feingold; Representatives Lantos, Nadler, and Carolyn Maloney; Jacqueline Lowey, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; Bradford J. Race, on behalf of the Office of New York Governor George Pataki, Albany; Michael Carey, New York City Economic Development Corporation, New York; David Reed, Dillonwood, Quincy, California; Katherine Anderton, Save-the-Redwoods League, San Francisco, California; Annette Rose, Board of Supervisors of Marion County, San

Rafael, California; and William H. Meadows, The Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C.

SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act, focusing on the primary statute for protecting public water supplies from harmful contaminants, after receiving testimony from J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, and Norine E. Noonan, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; Gregg L. Grunenfelder, Washington Department of Health, Olympia, Washington, on behalf of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators; Gurnie Gunter, Kansas City Water Services Department, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies; J. William Hirzy, National Treasury Employees Union Chapter 280, Erik D. Olson, Natural Resources Defense Council, and J. Richard Tompkins, National Association of Water Companies, all of Washington, D.C.; Michael J. Kosnett, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center Division of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology, Denver, on behalf of the National Research Council's Subcommittee on Arsenic in Drinking Water; David Paris, Manchester Water Treatment Plant, Manchester, New Hampshire, on behalf of the American Water Works Association; and Randy Van Dyke, Clay Regional Water, Spencer, Iowa, on behalf of the National Rural Water Association.

BROWNFIELDS REVITALIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment concluded 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, and to enhance State response programs, after receiving testimony from Timothy Fields, Jr., Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; Mayor Preston A. Daniels, Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals; Jan H. Reitsma, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Providence; Kevin P. Fitzpatrick, AIG Global Real Estate Investment Corporation, on behalf of the

Real Estate Roundtable, and William McElroy, Zurich U.S. Specialities, on behalf of the American Insurance Association, both of New York, New York; Alan Front, Trust for Public Land, Washington, D.C.; and Vernice Miller-Travis, Partnership for Sustainable Brownfields Redevelopment, Baltimore, Maryland.

RISING OIL PRICES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on rising oil prices and the efficiency and effectiveness of Executive Branch response, after receiving testimony from Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary for Energy, Science and Environment, and John Cook, Director, Petroleum Division, Energy Information Administration, both of the Department of Energy; Ohio Governor Bob Taft, Columbus; Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Hartford; Denise A. Bode, Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Oklahoma City; Phyllis Apelbaum, Arrow Messenger Service, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and the Messenger Courtier Association of the Americas; Red Cavaney, American Petroleum Institute, Washington, D.C.; and J. Louis Frank, Marathon Ashland Petroleum, Findlay, Ohio.

HUD'S GOVERNMENT INSURED MORTGAGES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to exam-

ine the adequacy of Department of Housing and Urban Affairs' policies and procedures for overseeing lenders that make mortgage loans insured by HUD's Federal Housing Administration, focusing on mortgage fraud commonly known as "flipping", which involves the purchase and then resale of property at greatly inflated prices, receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Stanley J. Czerwinski, Associate Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Lisa Smith, Fresh Meadows, New York; Sonia Pratts, Hollywood, Florida; and Stekeena Rollins, Chicago, Illinois.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 353, to provide for class action reform;

S. 2787, to reauthorize the Federal programs to prevent violence against women;

S. 2413, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedures and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests;

H.R. 3646, for the relief of certain Persian Gulf evacuees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 869, for the relief of Mina Vahedi Notash.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 4782–4808; 1 private bill, H.R. 4809; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 366–368, and H. Res. 543, were introduced. **Pages H5654–55, H5656**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

Conference report on 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 (H. Rept. 106–710); and

H.R. 4541, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives, amended (H. Rept. 106–711, Pt. 1). **Pages H5460–H5532, H5654**

Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to 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. **Pages H5442–60, H5533–98**

Agreed To:

Clayton amendment that increases funding for land-grant colleges and cooperative extension activities by \$6.8 million and decreases Agricultural Research Service funding accordingly; **Pages H5536–37**

Weiner amendment No. 65 printed in the Congressional Record that reduces Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service funding by \$15,510, the amount used for the inspection of imported Iranian food products; **Pages H5549–51**

Hayes amendment that clarifies that funding may be used to carry out research on the medical, biotechnological, food, and industrial uses of tobacco; **Pages H5556–62**

Berry amendment that eliminates funding for the Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment and transfers funding of \$693,000 to Resource Conservation and Development programs for resolution of small family farm and ranch regulatory issues with the Environmental Protection Agency; **Pages H5574–77**

Kelly amendment No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record that strikes language that would prohibit the use of funding for the American heritage rivers initiative; **Pages H5577–80**

Clayton amendment that makes available loans for a demonstration program in North Carolina to evaluate the use of modular housing for those who have lost housing because of a major disaster; **Pages H5585–86**

Stupak amendment No. 21 printed in the Congressional Record that increases funding for senior citizen meal providers, including meals on wheels programs, by \$20 million and decreases Public Law 480, Food for Peace, programs by \$30 million; **Pages H5588–91**

Reyes amendment No. 62 printed in the Congressional Record that strikes language that would prohibit funding to carry out a Colonias initiative without the prior approval of the Committee on Appropriations; and **Pages H5591–93**

Kaptur amendment that allows the United States Agency for International Development to employ contractors for administrative expenses and delivery of Public Law 480, Food for Peace commodities. **Pages H5593–94**

Rejected:

Metcalf amendment that sought to increase FDA funding by \$40,000 to validate the Tulane University Medical School diagnostic test on the Gulf War Syndrome and decrease USDA Departmental Administration funding accordingly; **Page H5534**

Ney amendment No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to increase funding for North Appalachian Experimental Watershed Research Station risk assessments by \$100,000 and decrease USDA administration, communications, and inspector general funding accordingly (rejected by a yea and nay vote of 94 yeas to 326 nays, Roll No. 359); **Pages H5534–35, H5596–97**

Hefley amendment No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to eliminate the \$200,000 funding for the asparagus competitiveness grant and harvester (rejected by a recorded vote of 132 yeas to 287 noes, Roll No. 360); **Pages H5540–41, H5597**

Sanford amendment No. 49 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to decrease special grants for agricultural research funding by \$14.4 million; and **Pages H5541–47**

Hefley amendment No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to eliminate the \$2 million funding for the Agra-Tourism program (rejected by a recorded vote of 94 yeas to 319 noes, Roll No. 361). **Pages H5581–84, H5598**

Point of Order sustained:

Tierney amendment No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to make available

\$500,000 for a study by the National Academy of Science on genetically engineered products;

Pages H5538–40

Kaptur amendment No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to increase Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service funding by \$53.1 million for emergency eradication of pest and plant infestations;

Pages H5552–55

Miller of Florida amendment No. 43 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to prohibit the Commodity Credit Corporation from spending more than \$54 million for purchases of raw or refined sugar from sugarcane or sugar beets;

Pages H5562–65

Withdrawn:

Kucinich amendment No. 42 printed in the Congressional Record was offered and withdrawn that sought to make available \$500,000 to the Food and Drug Administration for the purpose of drafting guidance for industry on how to assess genetically engineered food products for allergenicity until a predictive testing methodology is developed;

Pages H5594–96

Agreed to H. Res. 538, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill on June 28.

Military Construction and Supplemental Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on 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 by a yeas and nays vote of 306 yeas to 110 nays, Roll No. 362.

Pages H5599–H5616

Earlier agreed by unanimous consent to consider the conference report; that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived; that it be considered as read; and that 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 be laid on the table.

Page H5599

Suspension—Supplemental Medicare Funding: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass 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 by a yeas and nays vote of 404 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 363. The House debated the resolution on June 28.

Pages H5616–17

Quality Health-Care Coalition Act: The House passed 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 by a recorded vote of 276 yeas to 136 noes with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 372.

Pages H5627–52

Agreed to the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule, as amended;

Page H5651

Agreed To:

Coburn amendment No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 106–709 that exempts discussions on requiring abortion coverage from collective bargaining negotiations (agreed to by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 202 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 371); and

Pages H5644–46, H5651

Davis of Illinois amendment No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 106–709 that expresses the sense of Congress that decisions regarding medical care and treatment should be made by the physician or health care professional in consultation with the patient.

Pages H5646–48

Rejected:

Ballenger amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 106–709 that sought to provide that the antitrust exemption shall not apply to various conditions including negotiations over fees, payments, or reimbursement and negotiations to permit health care professionals to balance bill patients (rejected by a recorded vote of 71 yeas to 345 noes, Roll No. 367);

Pages H5637–39, H5648–49

Stearns amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 106–709 that sought to exempt groups of health care professionals engaged in negotiations with health plans from antitrust laws if the FTC or Department of Justice has certified that such negotiations would promote competition and enhance the quality of patient care (rejected by a recorded vote of 94 yeas to 320 noes, Roll No. 368);

Pages H5639–41, H5649

Cox amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 106–709 that sought to provide that a physician may not be forced to join a union as a condition of employment by a health plan (rejected by a recorded vote of 201 yeas to 214 noes, Roll No. 369); and

Pages H5641–43, H5649–50

Terry amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 106–709 that sought to provide that the antitrust exemption shall not apply to negotiations over fees (rejected by a recorded vote of 78 yeas to 338 noes, Roll No. 370).

Pages H5643–44, H5650–51

Agreed to H. Res. 542, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill by a yeas and nays vote of 225 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 365. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeas and nays vote of 241 yeas to 174 nays with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 364.

Pages H5617–26

Fourth of July District Work Period: House 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. Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 541, the rule that provided for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 469 and H. Res. 482 were laid on the table. **Page H5652**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 10. **Page H5653**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 12, 2000. **Page H5653**

Resignations—Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, July 10, 2000, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H5653**

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative LaHood, Ms. Joan Flinspach of Indiana, and Mr. James R. Thompson of Illinois to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Subsequently, read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Mr. David Phelps of Illinois and Ms. Louise Taper of California to the same commission. **Page H5653**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the LaHood motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 135 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 366. **Pages H5626–27**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5439 and H5552.

Referrals: S. 2719 was referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H5653**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5657–58.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5596–97, H5597, H5598, H5616, H5616–17, H5625–26, H5626, H5626–27, H5648–49, H5649, H5649–50, H5650–51, H5651, and H5651–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and pursuant to S. Con. Res. 125, the House adjourned at

2:06 a.m. on Friday June 30, until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 10, for morning-hour debate.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL INPUT PRICES

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review factors affecting domestic and international agricultural input prices. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Robertson, Associate Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

LATIN AMERICA—TERRORISM AND THREATS TO U.S. INTERESTS

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism held a hearing on terrorism and threats to U.S. interests in Latin America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICAL FINANCIAL PRIVACY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4585, Medical Financial Privacy Protection Act.

WELFARE REFORM

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 held a joint hearing on Welfare Reform: Assessing the Progress of Work-Related Provisions. Testimony was heard from Cynthia A. Fagnoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues; Ray Bramucci, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; REPORT

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4049, amended, Privacy Commission Act; 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, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14900 Southwest 30th Street in Miramar City, Florida, as the "Vicki Coccano 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, amended, 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, amended, 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, amended, Semipostal Authorization Act.

The Committee also approved the following draft report entitled “Making the Federal Government Accountable” Enforcing the Mandate for Effective Financial Management”.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported H.R. 3673, United States Panama Partnership Act of 2000.

The Committee also favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: amended, the Defense and Security Assistance Act of 2000; H.R. 4697, amended, 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, amended, Famine Prevention and Freedom from Hunger Improvement Act of 2000; H.R. 4528, amended, International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000; 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; H. Con. Res. 232,

amended, Expressing the sense of Congress concerning the safety and well-being of United States citizens injured while traveling in Mexico; H. Con. Res. 322, amended, expressing the sense of Congress regarding Vietnamese Americans and others who seek to improve social and political conditions in Vietnam; H. Res. 531, amended, 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, amended, 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 reestablishment of its independence from the rule of the former Soviet Union.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES: A GROWING THREAT TO AMERICA’S HEALTH AND SAFETY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Infectious Diseases: A Growing Threat to America’s Health and Security. Testimony was heard from David Satcher, M.D., Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services; David F. Gordon, National Intelligence Officer of Economics and Global Issues, National Intelligence Council, CIA; and David L. Heymann, M.D., Executive Director, Communicable Diseases, World Health Organization.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a 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. Testimony was heard from Ray Haynes, member, Senate, State of California; R. Michael Southcombe, Tax Commissioner, State of Idaho; Gary Viken, Secretary of Revenue, State of South Dakota; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INTERNET AND FEDERAL COURTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on The Internet and Federal Courts: Issues and Obstacles. Testimony was heard from Andrew Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; D. Jean

Veta, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Jeffery P. Kovar, Assistant Legal Advisor, Private International Law, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ADOPTED ORPHANS CITIZENSHIP ACT; OVERSIGHT—EVALUATING RELIGIOUS WORKER VISA PROGRAMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims began markup of H.R. 2883, Adopted Orphans Citizenship Act.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Evaluating the Religious Worker Visa Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Mildred Patterson, Managing Director, Visa Office; and John Brennan, Consular Office; Thomas Cook, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Adjudications, Immigration and Naturalization Service; Department of Justice; and Jess Ford, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, GAO.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources approved for full Committee action a resolution finding that Mr. Keith Rutter refused to answer a pertinent question while testifying before the Subcommittee on May 4, 2000, and the facts of this refusal shall be reported by the Chairman of the Subcommittee to the full Committee on Resources for such action as the Committee deems appropriate and that the Subcommittee finds that Mr. Henry Banta and Ms. Danielle Brian Stockton refused to answer pertinent questions while testifying before the Subcommittee on May 18, 2000, and the facts of these refusals shall be reported by the Chairman of the Subcommittee to the Committee on Resources for such action as the Committee deems appropriate.

GREAT APE CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4320, Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Service Performance Measures. Testimony was heard from James E. Wells, Jr., Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; the following officials of the USDA: Vincette L. Goerl, Chief Financial Officer, Forest Service; and James R. Ebbitt, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and Ross

W. Gorte, Natural Resource Economist and Policy Specialist, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

OVERSIGHT—CALFED PROGRAM

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on the CALFED program. Testimony was heard from David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Felicia Marcus, Regional Administrator, Region 9, EPA; Steven L. Stockton, Director, Programs Management, South Pacific Division, U.S. Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, Department of Defense; Mary Nichols, Secretary for Resources, State of California; and public witnesses.

FAA'S WIDE AREA AUGMENTATION SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Cost Overruns and Delays in the FAA's Wide Area Augmentation System and Related Radio Spectrum Issues. Testimony was heard from Gerald L. Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Steven Zaidman, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions, FAA; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and public witnesses.

FEDERAL TAX LAWS—COMPLEXITY IN ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Complexity in Administration of Federal Tax Laws. Testimony was heard from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D686)

H.J. Res. 101, recognizing the 225th birthday of the United States Army. Signed June 28, 2000. (P.L. 106-227)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on Management Reform in the District Government, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on Black-Tar Heroin, Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Illegal Immigrants Continue to Flood U.S. from Mexico, 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on Beyond Community Standards and a Constitutional Level of Care? A Review of Services, Costs, and Staffing Levels at the Corrections Medical Receiver for the District of Columbia Jail, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following measures: S. 1288, Community Forest Restoration Act; H.R. 4275, Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000; and H.R. 4340, Mineral Revenue Payments Clarification Act of 2000, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, June 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, July 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4577, Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations, with votes to occur on certain pending amendments and final passage; following which, Senator Domenici will be recognized to speak as if in morning business.

Senate may consider the conference report on H.R. 4425, Military Construction Appropriations.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.



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