

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.J. Res. 109, FY 2001 Continuing Appropriations.

The House passed 24 Sundry Measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9215–S9330

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3107–3116, and S. Res. 360–361. **Page S9267**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 353, to provide for class action reform. (S. Rept. No. 106–420)

S. 893, to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide equitable treatment with respect to State and local income taxes for certain individuals who perform duties on vessels. (S. Rept. No. 106–421) **Page S9267**

Measures Passed:

Red River Boundary Compact: Senate passed H.J. Res. 72, granting the consent of the Congress to the Red River Boundary Compact. **Page S9316**

Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture District Compact: Senate passed H.R. 4700, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture District Compact, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9316**

Fort Pierre, South Dakota Reconciliation Place: Senate passed S. 1658, to authorize the construction of a Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9316–18**

Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 1929, to amend the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend such Act, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9318–26**

Strengthening Abuse and Neglect Courts Act: Senate passed S. 2272, to improve the administrative efficiency and effectiveness of the Nation's abuse and

neglect courts and for other purposes consistent with the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9326–29**

Gorton (for DeWine) Amendment No. 4209, to extend the authorization of appropriations for an additional year. **Page S9326**

America's Law Enforcement and Mental Health Project: Senate passed S. 1865, to provide grants to establish demonstration mental health courts, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9329–30**

H–1B Nonimmigrant Visa: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2045, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H–1B nonimmigrant aliens, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9215–29, S9247–51**

Pending:

Lott (for Abraham) Amendment No. 4177 (to the committee substitute), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9216**

Lott Amendment No. 4178 (to Amendment No. 4177), of a perfecting nature. **Page S9215**

Lott (for Conrad) Amendment No. 4183 (to the text of the bill proposed to be stricken), to exclude certain "J" nonimmigrants from numerical limitations applicable to "H–1B" nonimmigrants. **Page S9220**

Lott Amendment No. 4201 (to Amendment No. 4183), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9220**

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

By 94 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 256), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Lott Amendment No. 4178 (listed above). **Pages S9219–20**

Subsequently, Lott Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report back forthwith, was ruled out of order.

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Subsequently, Lott Amendment No. 4179 (to the Motion to Recommit), of a perfecting nature, and Lott Amendment No. 4180 (to Amendment No. 4179), of a perfecting nature, both fell when Lott Motion to Recommit was ruled out of order.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Lott Amendment No. 4177 (listed above) and, in accordance with provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, September 28, 2000.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the committee substitute and, in accordance with provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, September 28, 2000.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, September 28, 2000.

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Continuing Resolution Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 109, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2000.

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Suspension of Rule XXII: Pursuant to Rule V, Senator Daschle gave notice in writing of his intention to move to suspend Rule XXII, to permit the consideration of Amendment No. 4184, to S. 2045.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

James F. Dobbins, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European Affairs), vice Marc Grossman, resigned.

Betty F. Bumpers, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2001. (New Position)

Betty F. Bumpers, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2005. (Reappointment)

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—256) Page S9220

Recess: Senate convened at 9:32, and recessed at 7:30 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 27, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9330.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HUD MANAGEMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded hearings to examine management challenges facing the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and whether reform efforts have demonstrated real and sustainable results, after receiving testimony from Saul Ramirez, Deputy Secretary, and Susan M. Gaffney, Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development;

Stanley J. Czerwinski, Associate Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic, Akron, Ohio; Maurice O. McTigue, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia; and Virginia L. Thomas, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

AMTRAK

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the National Railroad Passenger Corporation's (AMTRAK) financial performance and requirements, and a related proposal to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued by Amtrak, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; Phyllis F. Scheinberg, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, General Accounting Office; Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson, Madison, on behalf of the AMTRAK Reform Board; Gilbert E. Carmichael, AMTRAK Reform Council, Washington, D.C.; Mayor Timothy M. Kaine, Richmond, Virginia; and Joseph Vranich, Irvine, California.

HEATING AND TRANSPORTATION FUELS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the current status and winter outlook of the current crude oil, heating and transportation fuel markets, Energy Information Administration's short-term forecast for these markets, and energy price prospects, after receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, Secretary, and Mark J. Mazur, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, both of the Department of Energy; Paul Vermylen, Meenan Oil Co., Syosset, New York, on behalf of the Independent Fuel Terminal Operators Association; John J. Huber, Petroleum Marketers Association of America, Arlington, Virginia; John C. Felmy, American Petroleum Institute, and Lee Fuller, Independent Petroleum Association of America, both of Washington, D.C.; and Laurence W. Downes, New Jersey Resources Corporation, Wall, on behalf of the American Gas Association.

SMALL COMMUNITIES EPA IMPROVEMENTS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1763, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reauthorize the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency, S. 1915, to enhance the services provided by the Environmental Protection Agency to small communities that are attempting to comply with national, State, and local environmental regulations, S. 2296, to provide grants for special environmental assistance for the regulation of communities and habi-

tat (SEARCH) to small communities, and S. 2800, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish an integrated environmental reporting system, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; Diane E. Thompson, Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Environmental Protection Agency; George Dana Bisbee, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Concord, on behalf of the Environmental Council of the States; Jeremiah D. Baumann, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Washington, D.C.; Deborah Spaar Sanchez, Overland Neighborhood Environmental Watch, Denver, Colorado; Kenneth Bruzelius, Midwest Assistance Program, Inc., New Prague, Minnesota; B. Roy Prescott, Jerome County Board of Commissioners, Jerome, Idaho; and Benjamin Y. Cooper, Printing Industries of America, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine United States foreign policy at the end of the current administration, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

WEN HO LEE INVESTIGATION

Committee on the Judiciary/Select Committee on Intelligence: Committees concluded joint oversight hearings to examine certain decisions that were made in the investigation and prosecution of the Wen Ho Lee case, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, and Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Norman Bay, United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico; and T.J. Glauthier, Deputy Secretary of Energy.

FOOD AND BIOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues related to biotechnology and genetically engineered food, and the measures needed to ensure consumer safety and confidence with respect to these food products, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer and Bond; Joseph A. Levitt, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Bruce R. Stillings, Food and Agriculture Consultants, Inc., on behalf of the Institute of Food Technologists, and Michael J. Phillips, Biotechnology Industry Organization, both of Washington, D.C.; Vern Grubinger, University of Vermont Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Brattleboro; and Michael K. Hansen, Consumers Union, Yonkers, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 5291–5310; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 409–410, and H. Res. 594–595, were introduced. **Pages H8199–H8200**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 1795, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Engineering, amended (H. Rept. 106–889);

H.R. 4613, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act for purposes of establishing a national historic lighthouse preservation program, amended (H. Rept. 106–890);

H.R. 1248, to prevent violence against women, amended (H. Rept. 106–891, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3414, a private bill for the relief of Luis A. Leon-Molina, Ligia Padron, Juan Leon Padron, Rendy Leon Padron, Manuel Leon Padron, and Luis Leon Padron (H. Rept. 106–892);

H.R. 3184, a private bill for the relief of Zohreh Farhang Ghahfarokhi (H. Rept. 106–893);

H.R. 848, a private bill for the relief of Sepandan Farnia and Farbod Farnia (H. Rept. 106–894).

H.R. 4835, to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Central Intelligence at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia (H. Rept. 106–895, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5036, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to clarify the areas included in the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park and to authorize appropriations for that park (H. Rept. 106–896);

H.R. 4904, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians, amended (H. Rept. 106–897);

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 (H. Rept. 106–898);

S. 426, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Huna Totem Corporation (H. Rept. 106–899);

H.R. 4640, to make grants to States for carrying out DNA analyses for use in the Combined DNA Index System of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to provide for the collection and analysis of DNA samples from certain violent and sexual offenders for

use in such system, amended (H. Rept. 106–900 Pt. 1).

H. Res. 594, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 4365, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to children's health (H. Rept. 106–901); and

H. Res. 595, 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. 106–902). **Page H8199**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Jerry Pruitt of Beloit, Wisconsin. **Page H8065**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, Sept. 25 by a ye and nay vote of 332 yeas to 47 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 488. **Pages H8065, H8067–68**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H8065**

FY 2001 Continuing Appropriations: The House passed H.J. Res. 109, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 493. **Pages H8114–23**

H. Res. 591, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H8108–14**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Missing Children Tax Fairness: H.R. 5117, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the allowance of the child credit, the deduction for personal exemptions, and the earned income credit for missing children (passed by a ye and nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 489); **Pages H8068–72, H8105–06**

Baylee's Law: H.R. 4519, amended, to amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959 concerning the safety and security of children enrolled in childcare facilities located in public buildings under the control of the General Services Administration. Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H8072–75**

Apollo Exploration Award: H.R. 2572, to direct the Administrator of NASA to design and present an award to the Apollo astronauts (passed by a ye and nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 490); **Pages H8075–78, H8106**

Electronic Commerce Enhancement: H.R. 4429, amended, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to assist small and medium-sized manufacturers and other such

businesses to successfully integrate and utilize electronic commerce technologies and business practices. Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H8079–81**

Small Business Regulatory Assistance: H.R. 4946, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns; **Pages H8081–84**

Export Working Capital Loan Improvement: H.R. 4944, to amend the Small Business Act to permit the sale of guaranteed loans made for export purposes before the loans have been fully disbursed to borrowers; **Pages H8084–86**

Violence Against Women Act: H.R. 1248, amended, to prevent violence against women (passed by a ye and nay vote of 415 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 491); **Pages H8086–H8105, H8106–07**

25th Anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act: H.J. Res. 100, calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act (debated on Monday, Sept. 25 and passed by a ye and nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 492); **Pages H8107–08**

Beaches Environmental Assessment, Cleanup, and Health Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 999, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8132–36**

Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa: H.R. 3745, amended, to authorize the addition of certain parcels to the Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa; **Pages H8136–37**

Historic Lighthouse Preservation: H.R. 4613, amended, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act for purpose of establishing a national historic lighthouse preservation program; **Pages H8137–40**

National Trails System Amendments: H.R. 2267, amended, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails; **Pages H8140–41**

Lincoln County, Nevada Land Act: H.R. 2752, amended, to give Lincoln County, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain public land located within that county. Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H8141–43**

Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Amendments: H.R. 5036, amended, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to clarify the areas included in the Dayton Aviation Herit-

age National Historical Park and to authorize appropriations for that park; **Pages H8143–44**

Expansion of Gettysburg National Park to Include Wills House Where President Lincoln Edited His Gettysburg Address: S. 1324, to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include Wills House—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8144–46**

United States Relationship with Native Hawaiians: H.R. 4904, amended, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians. Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H8146–53**

George Washington Memorial Parkway, Virginia Land Exchange: H.R. 4835, to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Central Intelligence at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia; **Pages H8153–54**

Protection of Infants Who Are Born Alive: H.R. 4292, amended, to protect infants who are born alive (a ye and nay vote of 380 yeas to 15 nays with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 495); **Pages H8154–62**

Peace Process in Northern Ireland—Urging the Implementation of the Patten Commission Report on Policing: H. Res. 547, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the peace process in Northern Ireland; **Pages H8163–76**

Loan Forgiveness for Teachers: H.R. 5034, to expand loan forgiveness for teachers; **Pages H8180–84**

Congratulating Home Educators and Home Schooled Students: H. Res. 578, congratulating home educators and home schooled students across the Nation for their ongoing contributions to education and for the role they play in promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for this Nation; **Pages H8184–88**

American Buffalo Coin Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 4259, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Museum of the American Indian of the Smithsonian Institution; **Pages H8188–91**

Coin Clarification Act: H.R. 5273, to clarify the intention of the Congress with regard to the authority of the United States Mint to produce numismatic coins. **Pages H8191–92**

Suspensions Proceedings Postponed—Opposition to Unilateral Declaration of a Palestinian State: Proceedings were postponed on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5272, amended, to provide for a United States response in the event of a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state. **Pages H8176–79**

Suspension Failed—Small Business Liability Relief: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5175, amended, to provide relief to small businesses from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (with $\frac{2}{3}$ required for passage, failed to pass by a yea and nay vote of 253 yeas to 161 nays, Roll No. 494). **Pages H8123–32, H8154**

Consideration of Measures on Wednesday, Sept. 27: Agreed that it be in order at any time on Wednesday, September 27 for the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules and pass or adopt the following measures: H.R. 1795, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Engineering Establishment; H.R. 2641, Technical Corrections to Title X of the Energy Policy Act; H.R. 2346, Enforcement of FCC Regulations on the Use of Citizens Band Radio Equipment; H. Res. 576, Childhood Cancer Awareness, Treatment, and Research; S. 1295, Designation of the Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office in East Chicago, Indiana. Further agreed that it be in order to direct the Clerk to call up the bill H.R. 3100, Know Your Caller Act, on the Corrections Calendar. **Pages H8179–80**

Correction of Enrollment: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 409, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 1654, NASA Authorization Act. **Pages H8078–79**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H8063.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H8067–68, H8105–06, H8106, H8106–07, H8107–08, H8123, H8154, and H8162. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN MEAT LABELING ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing on H.R. 1144, Country-of-Origin Meat Labeling Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Senator Johnson; Caren A. Wilcox, Deputy Under Secretary, Food Safety, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1798, Clinical Research Enhancement Act of 1999; H.R. 762, amended, Lupus Research and Care Amendments of 1999; and H.R.

5291, amended, Beneficiary Improvement and Protection Act of 2000.

IMPORTANCE OF LITERACY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on the Importance of Literacy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Federal Prison Industries (FPI): Diverting Federal Property from the Computers for Learning and Other Programs to Expand FPI's Commercial Sales. Testimony was heard from Victor Arnold-Bic, Acting Director, Property Management Division, Federal Supply Services, GSA; Sherry Low, Chief, Reutilization, Transfer, and Donation Business Unit, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MISSING WHITE HOUSE E-MAILS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on "Contacts Between Northrup Grumman Corporation and the White House Regarding Missing White House E-Mails." Testimony was heard from Alan Gershel, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS PAY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Wildland Firefighters Pay: Are There Inequities? Testimony was heard from Representatives Pombo and Udall of New Mexico; Henry Romero, Associate Director, Workforce Compensation and Performance, OPM; and a public witness.

PEACE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS ACT; U.N. INSPECTIONS OF IRAQ'S WEAPONS

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following bill and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that it be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 5272, amended, Peace Through Negotiations Act of 2000.

The Committee also held a hearing on U.N. Inspections of Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction Program: Has Saddam Won? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5018, Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 2000; and H.R. 2121, Secret Evidence Repeal Act of 1999.

The Committee also approved private relief bills.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH ACT OF 2000 CONCUR IN THE SENATE AMENDMENT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4365, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to children's health. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Commerce. Testimony was heard from Representative Scott.

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 the legislative day of September 27, 2000, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4578) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. Finally, the rule lays H. Res. 586 and 592 on the table.

TAX CODE AND THE NEW ECONOMY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Tax Code and the New Economy. Testimony was heard from Representative Minge; Jonathan Talisman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue September 28.

SOCIAL SECURITY NOTICES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Social Security Notices. Testimony was heard from William A. Halter, Deputy Commissioner, SSA; and Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Associate Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO.

UPDATE ON DOE/NNSA BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Update on DOE/NNSA. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

STATUS OF COUNTERESPIONAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Status of Counterespionage Investigations. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, after receiving testimony from Ray G. Smith, American Legion, Washington, D.C.

TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3244, to combat trafficking of persons, especially into the sex trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, through prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and through protection and assistance to victims of trafficking, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation, to hold hearings on Department of Agriculture financial management issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the status of U.S. military readiness, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the marketing of violence to children, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

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, 2:15 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to mark up H.R. 4844, to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., S-116 Capitol.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 2052, to establish a demonstration project to authorize the integration and coordination of Federal funding dedicated to community, business, and the economic development of Native American communities; to be followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Wen Ho Lee case, 9 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the implementation of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the state of the Armed Services and future military requirements, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on the Future of the Interactive Television Services Marketplace: What Should Consumers Expect? 9 a.m., and to continue markup of H.R. 5154, Transportation Information Recall Enhancement Act, 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on Urban Renewal in Minority Communities, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on Gulf War Veterans: Linking Exposures to Illnesses, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Russia: How Vladimir Putin Rose to Power and What America Can Expect, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on AIDS in Africa: Steps to Prevention, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, hearing on Computer Security Lapses: Should FAA Be Grounded? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following: GSA's Fiscal Year 2001 Leasing Program; an amendment to a previous resolution in Laredo, Texas; and other pending business, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, to consider the following: GSA's Fiscal Year 2001 Leasing Program; an amendment to a previous resolution in Laredo, Texas; and other pending business, 2 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

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Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of five Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2045, H-1B Nonimmigrant Visa.

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