

**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.

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## 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.