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#### NAVAJO-HOPI LAND SETTLEMENT ACT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee held hearings on S. 2111, to make certain amendments to the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act of 1974 and to provide for the phase out of the Navajo and Hopi Relocation Program within five years, receiving testi-

mony from Christopher J. Bavasi, Executive Director, Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation; Ferrell H. Secakuku, Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmovi, Arizona; Herb Yazzie, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Nathan David and LaVonne Tsosie, both of the Nahat'a' Dziil Chapter, Sanders, Arizona; and Bonnie Whitesinger, Sovereign Dineh Nation, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 4164–4191; 1 private bills, H.R. 4192; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 218–220, and H. Res. 535, 537 were introduced. **Pages H11228–30**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3142, to establish a demonstration project to provide that the Department of Defense may receive Medicare reimbursement for health care services provided to certain Medicare-eligible covered military beneficiaries, amended (H. Rept. 104–837 Part I);

H.R. 3973, to provide for a study of the recommendations of the Joint Federal-State Commission on Policies and Programs Affecting Alaska Natives, amended (H. Rept. 104–838);

H.R. 2579, to establish the National Tourism Board and the National Tourism Organization to promote international travel and tourism to the United States, amended (H. Rept. 104–839 Part I);

H.R. 2561, to provide for an exchange of lands located near Gustavus, Alaska, amended (H. Rept. 104–840 Part I);

Conference report on H.R. 2977, to reauthorize alternative means of dispute resolution in the Federal administrative process (H. Rept. 104–841);

H. Res. 535, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1296, to provide for the Administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer (H. Rept. 104–842);

Conference report on S.640, 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 (H. Rept. 104–843);

H.R. 2923, to extend for 4 additional years the waiver granted to the Watts Health Foundation from the membership mix requirement for health

maintenance organizations participating in the Medicare program (H. Rept. 104–844 Part I); and

H.R. 4012, to waive temporarily the Medicare enrollment composition rules for the Wellness Plan (H. Rept. 104–845 Part I).

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**Intelligence Authorization:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3259, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Pages H11056–71**

H. Res. 529, the rule waiving points of order against consideration of the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H11054–56**

**Immigration and Nationality Act:** By a recorded vote of 305 ayes to 123 noes, Roll No. 432, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States. **Pages H11079–91**

Rejected the Bryant of Texas motion that sought to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House to take all of the following actions: Recede to and include section 105 of the Senate amendment, relating to increased personnel levels for the Labor Department. Recede to and include section 120A of the Senate amendment, relating to subpoena authority for cases of unlawful employment of aliens or document fraud. Recede to and

include section 119 of the Senate amendment, relating to enhanced civil penalties if labor standards violations are present. Disagree to and delete section 421, relating to treatment of certain documentary practices as unfair immigration-related employment practices, and insist, in its place, the provisions of section 407(b), relating to treatment of certain documentary practice as employment practices, of H.R. 2202, as passed the House. Disagree to and delete section 633, relating to authority to determine visa processing procedures. Insist that the phrase "which may not include treatment for HIV infection or acquired immune deficiency syndrome" be deleted each place it appears in sections 501(b)(4) and 552(d)(2)(D) and in the section 213A(c)(2)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as proposed to be inserted by section 551(a) of the conference substitute. Disagree to and delete subsection (c) of section 102, relating to waivers of certain environmental laws (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 179 yeas to 247 nays, Roll No. 431). **Page H11090**

H. Res. 528, the rule waiving points of order against consideration of the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 254 yeas to 165 nays, Roll No. 430. **Pages H11071-79**

**Immigration and Nationality Act Amendment:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 254 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 433, the House passed H.R. 4134, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize States to deny public education benefits to aliens not lawfully present in the United States who are not enrolled in public schools during the period beginning September 1, 1996, and ending July 1, 1997. **Pages H11096-H11108**

H. Res. 530, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H11091-96**

**Order of Business:** Pursuant to H. Res. 525, the rule providing for expedited procedures for the remainder of the 2nd Session of the 104th Congress, Representative Nethercutt announced the consideration today of H.R. 4167, to provide for the safety of journeyman boxers, under suspension of the rules. **Page H11108**

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

*Human Rights Restoration:* H.R. 4036, amended, to strengthen the protection of internationally recognized human rights. Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H11126-29**

*Telemarketing Fraud Punishment and Prevention:* H.R. 1499, amended, to improve criminal law relating to fraud against consumers; **Pages H11129-30**

*Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment:* S.919, amended, to modify and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act; **Pages H11140-53**

*Professional Boxing Safety:* H.R. 4167, to provide for the safety of journeymen boxers; **Pages H11153-58**

*Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund:* H.R. 3391, amended, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such Act; **Pages H11202-05**

*Federal Employees Emergency Leave Transfer:* S. 868, amended, to provide authority for leave transfer for Federal employees who are adversely affected by disasters or emergencies; **Pages H11205-13**

*Clarion River, Pennsylvania:* H.R. 3568, to designate 51.7 miles of the Clarion River, located in Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; **Pages H11213-14**

*Wekiva River, Seminole Creek, and Rock Springs Run Scenic River Study:* H.R. 3155, amended, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating the Wekiva River, Seminole Creek, and Rock Springs Run in the State of Florida for study and potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system; and **Pages H11214-16**

*Indian Environmental Assistance Program:* S. 1834, to reauthorize the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992. **Page H11217**

**Suspensions—Votes Postponed:** The House completed all debate on motions to suspend the rules and pass the following measures, on which votes were postponed until Thursday, September 26:

*Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control:* H.R. 3852, amended, to prevent the illegal manufacturing and use of methamphetamine; **Pages H11111-22**

*Drug-Induced Rape Prevention and Punishment:* H.R. 4137, to combat drug-facilitated crimes of violence, including sexual assaults; **Pages H11122-26**

*Sexual Offender Tracking and Identification Act:* H.R. 3456, amended, to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators; **Pages H11130-35**

*Private Security Officer Quality Assurance:* H.R. 2092, amended, to expedite State reviews of criminal records of applicants for private security officer employment; **Pages H11135-37**

*False Statements Accountability:* H. Res. 535, providing for the concurrence of the House, with an amendment, in the amendments of the Senate to the bill H.R. 3166, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the crime of false statement in a Government matter; and

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*Snoqualmie National Forest Boundary:* H.R. 3497, amended, to expand the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest.

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**Legislative Program:** Pursuant to H. Res. 525, the rule providing for expedited procedures for the remainder of the 2nd Session of the 104th Congress, Representative Wicker announced measures for consideration under suspension of the rules for Thursday, September 26.

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**Referral:** One Senate-passed measure, S. 1875, to designate the United States Courthouse in Medford, Oregon, as the "James A. Redden Federal Courthouse" was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate appear on page H11049.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11079, H11090, H11091, and H11107-08. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:31 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TRADE WITH CANADA AND NAFTA PANEL DECISION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing on dairy, poultry, and egg trade with Canada and the impact of the impending NAFTA panel decision. Testimony was heard from August Schumacher, Jr., Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; and Ambassador Ira Shapiro, Senior Counselor and Negotiator for Japan and Canada, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

### OVERSIGHT—RESTRUCTURING INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE ORGANIZATIONS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance held an oversight hearing on restructuring of international satellite organizations. Testimony was heard from Vonya B. McCann, U.S. Coordinator, International Communications and Information Policy, Department of State; Jack A. Gleason, Associate Administrator,

International Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; David Turetsky, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust, Department of Justice; Donald H. Gips, Chief, International Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

### DRAFT REPORTS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* On September 24, the committee approved the following draft reports entitled: "Investigation into the White House and Department of Justice on Security of FBI Background Investigation Files"; "Report on Management of the Federal Government"; "Crude Oil Underpricing: The Ineffective Response of the Minerals Management Service"; and "The Year 2000: Computer Software Conversion: Summary of Oversight Findings and Recommendations".

### OVERSIGHT—SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology and the Committee on House Oversight held a joint oversight hearing on the Smithsonian Institution. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Smithsonian Institution: I. Michael Heyman, Secretary; and Tom Blair, Inspector General; and Bill Gadsby, Director, Government Business Operations, GAO.

### POLICY IN THE PERSIAN GULF

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf. Testimony was heard from Robert Pelletreau, Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### SOUTH ASIANS LIVING STANDARDS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action H. Con. Res. 213, concerning the urgent need to improve the living standards of those South Asians living in the Ganges and the Brahmaputra river basin.

### SOUTH PACIFIC: FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES AND OKINAWA

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs of the Committee on Resources on U.S. Interests in the South Pacific: Freely Associated States and Okinawa. Testimony was heard from Aurelia E. Brazeal, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Allen Stayman, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.