

Thursday, August 1, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.
Senate passed Personal Responsibility Act Conference Report.
House agreed to Health Care Reform Conference Report.
House agreed to Agriculture Appropriations Conference Report.
House agreed to Military Construction Appropriations Conference Report.
House agreed to DOD Authorization Conference Report.
House agreed to District of Columbia Appropriations Conference Report.
House agreed to Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report.
House passed English Language Empowerment Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9321–S9453

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2009–2016, and S. Res. 286. **Page S9428**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Special Report on Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1997. (S. Rept. No. 104–347)

H.R. 2464, to amend Public Law 103–93 to provide additional lands within the State of Utah for the Goshute Indian Reservation. (S. Rept. No. 104–348)

S. 199, to repeal certain provisions of law relating to trading with Indians. (S. Rept. No. 104–349)

S. 1952, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974. **Page S9428**

Budget Reconciliation/Personal Responsibility Act Conference Report: By 78 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 262), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997.

Pages S9322–34, S9337–41, S9344–47, S9352–S9415

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kevin L. Thurm, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Arthur I. Blaustein, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2002.

Ida L. Castro, of New York, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor.

Donna Holt Cunninghame, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service.

Regina Markey Keeney, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 1995.

Brigadier General Robert Bernard Flowers, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of Section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved June 1879 (21 Stat. 37) (33 USC 642).

Rose Ochi, of California, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Joaquin F. Otero, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, which was sent to the Senate on February 20, 1996. **Page S9453**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:13 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Friday, August 2, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9452.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE/JUSTICE/ STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported, with amendments, H.R. 3814, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

BOSNIA MISSION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine United States participation in the NATO Implementation Force Mission in Bosnia, receiving testimony from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Rear Adm. Charles W. Moore, Jr., USN, Deputy Director of Operations, Joint Staff; and Lt. Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings on proposals to develop and implement aviation security measures, receiving testimony from Senators Cohen, Campbell, and Lautenberg, Representative Burton; Federico Peña, Secretary, and David R. Hinson, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Keith O. Fultz, Assistant Comptroller General, and John K. Harper, Assistant Director, both of the Resources Community and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Edward A. Merlis, Air Transport Association, and David Plavin, Airports Council International North America, both of Washington, D.C.; Morris Busby,

DGI Incorporated, Arlington, Virginia; and Richard Everitt, BAA plc, London, England.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

EMERGENCY TIMBER SALVAGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held hearings to examine the Secretary of Agriculture directive to the Forest Service concerning the implementation of the emergency timber salvage program, designed to respond to the widespread forest fires of 1994, as authorized in section 2001 of Public Law 104–19, Omnibus Appropriations and Rescissions Act, receiving testimony from Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary, James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, and Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Forest Service, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

PROPRIETY OF A COMMERCIAL LEASE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded oversight hearings to review the propriety of a commercial lease issued by the Bureau of Land Management at Lake Havasu, Arizona, including its consistency with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and Department of the Interior land use management policies, after receiving testimony from Edward B. Cohen, Deputy Solicitor, Department of the Interior; and Mat Millenbach, Deputy Director, Joe Liebhauser, Havasu Resource Area Manager, and Rich Greenfield, Phoenix, Arizona Field Solicitor, all of the Department of the Interior.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Nils J. Diaz, of Florida, and Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to review the role for the United States in the world and other foreign policy issues, after receiving testimony from Warren Christopher, Secretary of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1952, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1997 through 2000 for programs of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act; and

S. 982, to develop safeguards to protect the national information infrastructure, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

TERRORISM

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held hearings on the threat of terrorism in the United States, focusing on recent terrorist incidents, U.S. policy response to terrorism, and the role of the U.S. intelligence community, receiving testimony from Louis

J. Freeh, Director, and Robert M. Bryant, Assistant Director, National Security Division, both of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Caspar Weinberger, former Secretary of Defense; and James R. Schlesinger, former Director of Central Intelligence.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3936–3948; 1 private bill, H.R. 3949; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 206–207, and H. Res. 504–506 were introduced.

Pages H9705–06

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 3448, to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, and to increase the take home pay of workers (H. Rept. 104–737);

H. Res. 502, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany, H.R. 3103, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, to simplify the administration of health insurance (H. Rept. 104–738);

H. Res. 503, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3448, to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, to increase the take home pay of workers, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer owned vehicles, and to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage rate and to prevent job loss by providing flexibility to employers in complying with minimum wage and overtime requirements under the Act (H. Rept. 104–739);

Conference report on H.R. 3845, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–740);

Conference report on S. 1316, to reauthorize and amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act

(commonly known as the “Safe Drinking Water Act” (H. Rept. 104–741);

H.R. 3378, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to extend the demonstration program for direct billing of Medicare, Medicaid, and other third party payers (H. Rept. 104–742 Part I); and

H. Res. 507, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 1316 to reauthorize and amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act, commonly known as the “Safe Drinking Water Act” (H. Rept. 104–743); and

H. Res. 508, providing for consideration for a certain motion to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 104–744).

Pages H9568–H9703, H9704–05

Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, Resources, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Select Intelligence.

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Order of Business: It was made in order that at any time to consider a conference report to accompany the bill H.R. 3754, that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived, and that the conference report be considered as read when called up.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations: By a yeas-and-nays vote of 397 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 386, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3754, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

Pages H9710–25

Agriculture Appropriations: By a yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas to 42 nays, Roll No. 387, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3603, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related

Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. **Page H9725**

H. Res. 496, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3603, was laid on the table. **Page H9725**

English Language Empowerment: By a recorded vote of 259 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 391, the House passed H.R. 123, to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States.

Pages H9738–72

Rejected the Serrano motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities with instructions to report the bill back forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to include findings relating to English as the language of the United States, policies that promote English, and require Presidential campaigns and Federal elections to be conducted in English (rejected by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 390).

Pages H9769–72

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3898, as amended, made in order by the rule. **Pages H9753–55**

Agreed to the Cunningham amendment, as modified by unanimous consent, that cites the title as the Bill Emerson Language Empowerment Act of 1996, clarifies that the bill does not affect Native Alaskan or Native American languages, the Individuals with Disabilities Act, or terms of art and phrases from foreign languages.

Pages H9755–56

Rejected the Serrano amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to include findings relating to English as the primary language of the United States and policies that promote English as the common language (rejected by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 389)

Pages H9756–69

H. Res. 499, the rule which provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 388.

Pages H9725–38

Employee Association Representation: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 782, to amend title 18 of the United States Code to allow members of employee associations to represent their views before the United States Government—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H9772–73

J. Phil Campbell Conservation Center: The House passed H.R. 3387, to designate the Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center located at 1420 Experimental Station Road in Watkinsville, Georgia, as the "J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resource Conservation Center".

Pages H9773–74

Iosco County, Michigan Property: The House passed H.R. 2670, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, Michigan.

Pages H9774–75

Agreed to the Committee amendment. **Page H9775**

Mark Twain National Forest: The House passed H.R. 3464, to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment. **Page H9775**

Health Care Reform: By a yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 393, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3103, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, and to simplify the administration of health insurance.

Pages H9785–96

Rejected the Stark motion to recommit the conference report to the committee on conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House to do everything possible, within the scope of the conference, to modify section 305 of the Senate amendment relating to mental health insurance parity so as to improve mental health care insurance while minimizing any impact on the cost or availability of health insurance plans, and to produce a conference report which confines itself to the differences between the bill as passed by the House and passed by the Senate (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 392).

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H. Res. 502, the rule waiving points of order against consideration of the conference report was agreed to by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 500, waiving a requirement requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules.

Pages H9775–85

Order of Business: It was made in order that at any time to consider conference reports to accompany the bills H.R. 3517 and H.R. 3845, that all points of order against both conference reports and against their consideration be waived, and that both conference reports be considered as read when called up.

Page H9796

Military Construction Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 396 yeas to 26 nays, Roll No. 394, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R.

3517, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

Pages H9796–H9801, H9809–10

H. Res. 497, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3517, was laid on the table.

Page H9801

District of Columbia Appropriations: By a yeand-nay vote of 330 yeas to 91 nays, Roll No. 395, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3845, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

Pages H9801–09, H9810

Order of Business: It was made in order that notwithstanding clause 1 of rule XXVII the Speaker may entertain motions to suspend the rules on Wednesday, September 4, 1996.

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Defense Authorization: By a yeand-nay vote of 285 yeas to 132 nays, Roll No. 397, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3230, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1997.

Pages H9814–24

Rejected the Dellums motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to the managers on the part of the House to insist on section 367 of the House bill relating to impact aid assistance to local educational agencies for the benefit of dependents of members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense (rejected by a yeand-nay vote of 181 yeas and 236 nays, Roll No. 396).

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H. Res. 498 the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H9811–13

House Page Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Fowler to fill a vacancy on the House of Representatives Page Board.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:35 p.m. and reconvened at 12:49 a.m. on August 2.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9567 and H9785.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine yeand-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9724–25, H9725, H9737–38, H9769, H9771, H9772, H9795, H9795–96, H9809–10, H9810, H9823, and H9824. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:50 a.m. on Friday, August 2.

Committee Meetings

FAMILY PET PROTECTION ACT, PET SAFETY AND PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3393, Family Pet Protection Act of 1996; and H.R. 3398, Pet Safety and Protection Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Michael Dunn, Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises concluded oversight hearings regarding Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Testimony was heard from Leland C. Brendsel, Chairman and CEO, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac); and Robert B. Zoellick, Executive Vice-President, Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae).

BUDGET PROCESS

Committee on the Budget: Concluded hearings on "How Did We Get Here From There?" A Discussion of the Evolution of the Budget Process from 1974 to the Present, Part III. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barton of Texas, Orton, Cox of California, Stenholm, Neumann, Smith of Michigan, Largent, Crapo, Castle, Visclosky, Cardin, Everett and Horn.

REAUTHORIZATION—PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on reauthorization of Existing Public Health Service Act Programs. Testimony was heard from Philip R. Lee, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3863, amended, Student Debt Reduction Act of 1996; and H. Res. 470, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Department of Education should play a more active role in monitoring and enforcing compliance with the provisions of the higher Education Act of 1965 related to campus crime.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 3876, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act.

FBI BACKGROUND FILES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on Security of FBI Background Files. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FBI, Department of Justice: Howard M. Shapiro, General Counsel; Thomas A. Kelley, Inspector, Deputy General Counsel; and Peggy J. Larson, Supervisory Research Analyst; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following bills be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 120, amended, supporting the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine and the progress of its political and economic reforms; and H.R. 3916, to make available certain Voice of America and Radio Marti multilingual computer readable text and voice recordings.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3307, Regulatory Fair Warning Act.

The Committee also continued markup of H.R. 3565, Violent Youth Crime Act of 1996.

Will continue tomorrow.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing regarding the possible shifting of refugee resettlement to private organizations. Testimony was heard from Representatives Obey and Condit; Lavinia Limon, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Department of Health and Human Services; Edwin Silverman, State Coordinator, Refugee Resettlement Program, Department of Public Aid, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3640, amended, Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Claims Settlement Act; H.R. 3642, California Indian Land Claims Transfer Act; H.R. 2512, amended, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Infrastructure Development Trust Fund Act of 1996; H.R. 2710, amended, Hoopa Valley Reservation South Boundary Correction Act; H.R. 3547, amended, to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of real property in the Apache National Forest in the State of Arizona to the Alpin Elementary School District 7 to be used for the construction of school facilities and related playing fields; H.R. 2693, to require the

Secretary of Agriculture to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Hells Canyon Wilderness in the States of Oregon and Idaho to exclude an established Forest Service road inadvertently included in the wilderness; H.R. 1179, amended, Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Building Restoration and Preservation Act; S. 1467, amended, Fort Peck Rural County Water Supply System Act of 1995; H.R. 3903, amended, to require the Secretary of the Interior to sell the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir; H.R. 3910, amended, Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1996; S. 811, amended, Water Desalinization Research and Development Act of 1996; and H.R. 3828, Indian Child Welfare Act Amendments of 1996.

The Committee failed to approve H.R. 3879, Northern Mariana Islands Delegate Act.

NEW ENGLAND GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the economic effects of the New England Groundfish Management Plan. Testimony was heard from Representative Frank of Massachusetts; the following officials of NOAA, Department of Commerce: Andrew Rosenberg, Northeast Regional Director, National Marine Fisheries Service; and John Bullard, Director, Office of Sustainable Development and Intergovernmental Affairs; Robin Alden, Commissioner of Marine Resources, State of Maine; and public witnesses.

SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 3595, to make available to the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska its proportionate share of funds awarded in Docket 74-A to the Sioux Indian Tribe. Testimony was heard from Representative Barrett of Nebraska; Deborah Maddox, Director, Office of Tribal Services, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3103, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Hastert and Stark.

CONFERENCE REPORT—SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on S. 1316, the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that at any time on the calendar day of Friday, August 2, 1996, the Speaker may entertain a motion offered by the majority leader or his designee that the House suspend the rules and pass a bill or joint resolution relating to the subject of combating terrorism.

CONFERENCE REPORT—SMALL BUSINESS JOB PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3448, Small Business Protection Act of 1996, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Hastert and Stark.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on funding Department of Energy Research and Development in a constrained Budget Environment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Gregory H. Friedman, Deputy Inspector General, Audits; and Roger A. Lewis, Senior Advisor, Office of Strategic Computing and Simulation; Allen Li, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; Daniel Hartley, Vice President, Laboratory Development, Sandia National Laboratory; Ron Cochran, Executive Office, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; Charles Gay, Director, National Renewable Energy Laboratory; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3535, to redesignate a Federal building in Suitland, MD, as the "W. Edwards Deming Federal Building"; H.R. 3576, amended, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, IN, as the "Robert Kurtz Rodibaugh United States Courthouse"; and H.R. 3710, amended, to designate a

U.S. courthouse located in Tampa, FL, as the "Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse".

The Committee also approved the following: 18 Repair and Alteration Resolutions; 1 Lease Resolution; and 2 11(b) Resolutions.

CHILD SAFETY RESTRAINT SYSTEMS ON COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on H.R. 1309, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the use of child safety restraint systems approved by the Secretary of Transportation on commercial aircraft. Testimony was heard from Representative Lightfoot; the following officials of the FAA, Department of Transportation: Peggy Gilligan, Deputy Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification; and Louise Maillott, Acting Assistant Administrator, Policy, Planning, and International Aviation; Barry Sweedler, Director, Office of Safety Recommendations, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NEXCOM LEASE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on the oversight of NEXCOM Lease. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GSA: Hillary Peoples, Assistant Commissioner, Public Buildings Service; and Harmon Eggers, Associate General Counsel; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Eleanor Hill, Inspector General; VAdm. James Fitzgerald, USN, Inspector General and Steve Honigman, General Counsel, both with the Department of the Navy; and Robert Taylor, Deputy General Counsel.

U.S. TRADE POLICY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade continued hearings on the Status and Future Direction of U.S. Trade Policy, with emphasis on U.S. Trade with Sub-Saharan Africa. Testimony was heard from Representatives McDermott and Jefferson; Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; George Moose, Assistant Secretary, African Affairs Bureau, Department of State; and public witnesses.

BOSNIA/IRAN ARMS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Bosnia/Iran Arms. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM

Conferees on Wednesday, July 31, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3103, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, and to simplify the administration of health insurance.

SMALL BUSINESS JOB PROTECTION ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on H.R. 3448, to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, and to increase the take home pay of workers.

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed ver-

sions of H.R. 3845, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance, Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy, to hold hearings to examine how to educate the public about the 1996 report of the Social Security Board of Trustees, 10 a.m., SD-215.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue mark up of H.R. 3565, Violent Youth Crime Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through July 31, 1996

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	107	98	..
Time in session	804 hrs., 57'	768 hrs., 38'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	9,320	9,566	..
Extensions of Remarks	1,421	..
Public bills enacted into law	13	67	..
Private bills enacted into law	1	1	..
Bills in conference	19	20	..
Measures passed, total	273	328	..
Senate bills	100	15	..
House bills	80	165	..
Senate joint resolutions	2	3	..
House joint resolutions	8	11	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	14	7	..
House concurrent resolutions	16	26	..
Simple resolutions	53	101	..
Measures reported, total	*199	*266	..
Senate bills	140	3	..
House bills	45	175	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	0	..
House joint resolutions	0	4	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	4	0	..
House concurrent resolutions	1	5	..
Simple resolutions	8	79	..
Special reports	12	7	..
Conference reports	1	19	..
Measures pending on calendar	272	80	..
Measures introduced, total	618	1,398	..
Bills	496	1,095	..
Joint resolutions	13	50	..
Concurrent resolutions	30	76	..
Simple resolutions	79	177	..
Quorum calls	2	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	261	165	..
Recorded votes	219	..
Bills vetoed	0	5	..
Vetoes overridden	0	0	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

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Civilian nominations, totaling 295, (including 119 nominations carried over from the first session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		137
Unconfirmed		148
Withdrawn		10
Civilian nominations (FS, PHS, CG, NOAA), totaling 1,337, (including 320 nominations carried over from the first session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,335
Unconfirmed		2
Air Force nominations, totaling 9,424, (including 4,952 nominations carried over from the first session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		6,713
Unconfirmed		2,711
Army nominations, totaling 10,857, (including 2,304 nominations carried over from the first session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		8,557
Unconfirmed		2,300
Navy nominations, totaling 3,553, (including 21 nominations carried over from the first session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		2,062
Unconfirmed		1,491
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 2,119, (including 8 nominations carried over from the first session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		2,063
Unconfirmed		56
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominations carried over from the first session		7,724
Total nominations received this session		19,861
Total confirmed		20,867
Total unconfirmed		6,708
Total withdrawn		10

* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 143 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 292 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10:30 a.m., Friday, August 2

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Friday, August 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate expects to consider conference reports on H.R. 3103, Health Insurance Reform, H.R. 3754, Legislative Branch, H.R. 3845, D.C. Appropriations, H.R. 3517, Military Construction, H.R. 3448, Small Business Job Protection Act, further conference reports, when available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3448, Minimum Wage (rule waiving points of order);

Consideration of the conference report on S. 1316, Safe Drinking Water Act (rule waiving points of order); and

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