

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

- Senate agreed to VA/HUD Appropriations Conference Report.
- Senate agreed to International Natural Rubber Agreement.
- House agreed to Intelligence Authorization Conference Report.
- House agreed to Immigration in the National Interest Conference Report.
- House passed amendment to Immigration and Nationality Act.
- House passed 9 measures under suspension of the rules.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11211–S11333

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2117–2131. **Page S11294**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 3815, to make technical corrections and miscellaneous amendments to trade laws, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 3846, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the provision of assistance for microenterprises.

H.R. 3916, to make available certain Voice of America and Radio Marti multilingual computer readable text and voice recordings.

H.J. Res. 158, to recognize the Peace Corps on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and the Americans who have served as Peace Corps volunteers, with amendments.

S. Res. 285, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of State should make improvements in Cambodia's record on human rights, the environment, narcotics trafficking and the Royal Government of Cambodia's conduct among the primary objectives in our bilateral relations with Cambodia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2130, to extend certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices. **Page S11291**

Measures Passed:

Animal Drug Availability Act: Senate passed H.R. 2508, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for improvements in the

process of approving and using animal drugs, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11326**

National Mammography Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 295, to designate October 18, 1996, as "National Mammography Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11326**

Extradition of Martin Pang: Senate passed H. Con. Res. 132, relating to the trial of Martin Pang for arson and felony murder. **Pages S11328–29**

Railroad Unemployment Insurance Amendments: Senate passed H.R. 2594, to amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to reduce the waiting period for benefits payable under that Act, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11329**

Medicare/Medicaid Coverage Data Bank: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2685, to repeal the Medicare and Medicaid Coverage Data Bank, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11329**

Medical Device Reporting Requirement: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2366, to repeal an unnecessary medical device reporting requirement, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11329**

County Health Organization Exemption Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3056, to permit a county-operated health insuring organization to qualify as an organization exempt from certain requirements otherwise applicable to health insuring organizations

under the Medicaid program notwithstanding that the organization enrolls Medicaid beneficiaries residing in another county, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11329**

Medicaid Enrollment: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3871, to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for certain health maintenance organizations, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

National Physical Fitness and Sports Foundation Establishment Act: Senate passed S. 1311, to establish a National Fitness and Sports Foundation to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11329–31**

Grassley (for Pressler) Amendment No. 5403, to make technical corrections. **Pages S11329–30**

VA/HUD Appropriations Conference Report: Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, September 24, 1996, Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11218–25**

Intelligence Authorizations—Conference Report: Senate 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, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11321–26**

Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages up to and including presentation of resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Treaty Doc. No. 104–27, International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995, with a declaration. **Pages S11248–57**

Executive Reports of Committees: The Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany the Income Tax Convention with Kazakhstan (Treaty Doc. 103–33) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–34);

Report to accompany the Protocol Amending Article VIII of the 1948 Tax Convention with Respect

to the Netherlands Antilles (Treaty Doc. 104–23) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–35); and

Report to accompany the Taxation Protocol Amending Convention with Indonesia (Treaty Doc. 104–32) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–36). **Pages S11291–92**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

17 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

51 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S11331–33**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Kelly D. Johnston, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2001. **Page S11333**

Messages From the House: **Pages S11289–90**

Measures Referred: **Page S11290**

Measures Read First Time: **Page S11290**

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Authority for Committees: **Pages S11314–15**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:33 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, September 26, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S11332–33.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EXPORT PROMOTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Finance concluded hearings to review the Fourth Annual Report of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, created by the Export Enhancement Act of 1992 to provide for a unified federal export promotion strategy, focusing on foreign trade practices by United States competitors, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

MARS DISCOVERY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space concluded hearings to examine the recent discovery of evidence of past life on Mars, after receiving testimony from Ernest J. Moniz, Associate Director for Science, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Wes Huntress, Administrative Assistant, Space Science Program, and David S. McKay, Assistant for Exploration, Earth Science and Solar System Exploration Division, Johnson Space Center (Houston, Texas), both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Nancy Hinman, University of Montana, Missoula; Harry Y. McSween, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and John Kerridge, University of California at San Diego, La Jolla.

AVIATION SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine aviation safety issues, focusing on the treatment of families following airline accidents, after receiving testimony from Victoria Cummock, Coral Gables, Florida, on behalf of the Families of Pan Am 103 Lockerbie; Richard Kessler, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the victims of ValuJet Flight 592; Dario Cremades, New York, New York, and A. Frank Carven III, Bel Air, Maryland, both on behalf of victims of TWA Flight 800; Hans Ephraimson-Abt, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Association of Families of Korean Airlines Flight 007 Victims; and Kendra St. Charles, Akron, Ohio, on behalf of the victims of USAir Flight 405.

NORTH CAROLINA LAND CLAIM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 987, to provide for the full settlement of all claims of Swain County, North Carolina, against the United States under the agreement dated July 30, 1943, after receiving testimony from Senators Helms and Faircloth; Representative Charles Taylor; Denis Galvin, Associate Director for Planning and Development, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Linda Hogue, North Shore Road Association, and Bill Lewis, Swain County Commission, both of Bryson City, North Carolina; Helen Vance, North Shore Cemetery Association, Sylva, North Carolina; Joyce C. Dugan, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, North Carolina; Peter Kirby, Wilderness Society, Atlanta, Georgia; Ted Snyder, Sierra Club, Walhalla, South Carolina; John Thornton, National Parks and Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; and John George, Angwin, California.

TRADE LAW AMENDMENTS

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 3815, to make technical corrections and miscellaneous amendments to trade laws, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Richard W. Bogosian, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Rwanda/Burundi, Dennis K. Hays, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, Genta Hawkins Holmes, of California, to be Ambassador to Australia, Arma Jane Karaer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Solomon Islands, and as Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, John Francis Maisto, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Venezuela, Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, John Stern Wolf, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Coordinator for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, Marilyn McAfee, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service of the U.S. Information Agency, for promotion to the Class of Career Minister, Madeleine Korbel Albright, of the District of Columbia, and Edward William Gnehm Jr., of Georgia, each to be a United States Representative to the Fifty-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Karl Frederick Inderfurth, of North Carolina, and Victor Marrero, of New York, each to be an Alternate United States Representative to the Fifty-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and certain Foreign Service officer promotion lists.

Convention Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, together with the Protocol and the two related exchanges of notes, signed at Almaty on October 24, 1993 (Treaty Doc. No. 103-33), with a proviso;

An exchange of notes dated at Washington July 10, 1995, relating to the Tax Convention with the Republic of Kazakhstan—Treaty Doc. No. 103-33 (Treaty Doc. No. 104-15), with a proviso;

The Protocol between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Respect of the Netherlands Antilles Amending Article VIII of the 1948 Convention with Respect to Taxes on Income and Certain

Other Taxes as Applicable to the Netherlands Antilles, signed at Washington on October 10, 1995 (Treaty Doc. No. 104-23);

Protocol, signed at Jakarta July 24, 1996, Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, with Related Protocol and Exchange of Notes Signed at Jakarta on the 11th Day of July 1988 (Treaty Doc. No. 104-32);

An original bill (S. 2130) to extend certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices;

S. Res. 285, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of State should make improvements in Cambodia's record on human rights, the environment, narcotics trafficking and the Royal Government of Cambodia's conduct among the primary objectives in our bilateral relations with Cambodia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3916, to make available certain Voice of America and Radio Marti multilingual computer readable text and voice recordings;

H.J. Res. 158, to recognize the Peace Corps on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and the Americans who have served as Peace Corps volunteers, with amendments; and

H.R. 3846, to provide grant assistance to increase the availability of credit to micro and small enterprises lacking full access to credit.

Also, testimony was received on the aforementioned treaties from Kenneth J. Kies, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation.

LEBANON

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine the prospects for peace, security, and economic development in Lebanon, after receiving testimony from Senators Graham and Abraham; former Senator Percy; Elizabeth McKune, Director, Office of Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Palestinian Affairs, Department of State; Brian Henderson, Merrill Lynch International, and Terry Anderson, Columbia University, both of New York, New York; Peter J. Tanous, American Task Force for Lebanon, Washington, D.C.; and John Kelly, International Equity Partners, Conyers, Georgia.

REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Management and Accountability held oversight hearings to review the activities of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs and its implementation of Executive Order No. 12866, Regu-

latory Planning and Review, focusing on the need to improve the Federal regulatory system, receiving testimony from Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Robert L. King, New York State Office of Regulatory Reform, Albany; James C. Miller III, Citizens for a Sound Economy, C. Boyden Gray, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, Robert W. Hahn, American Enterprise Institute, and Paul R. Portney, Resources for the Future, all of Washington, D.C.; and Scott L. Holman, Bay Cast Inc., Bay City, Michigan, on behalf of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

WHITE HOUSE INFORMATION ACCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee resumed hearings to examine the dissemination of Federal Bureau of Investigation background investigation reports and other information to the White House, receiving testimony from Howard M. Shapiro, General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and D. Craig Livingstone, former Director, White House Office of Personnel Security.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

PRISON LITIGATION REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the role of the Department of Justice in implementing the Prison Litigation Reform Act, as contained in P.L. 104-134 (Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996), after receiving testimony from John R. Schmidt, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Michigan Governor John Engler, Lansing; Sarah Vandenbraak, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, Harrisburg; Laura Chamberlain, Assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, New York; Mark Soler, Youth Law Center, Washington, D.C.; and Walter Dickey, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison.

INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO GULF WAR ILLNESSES

Committee on Veterans Affairs/Select Committee on Intelligence: Committees concluded joint hearings to examine an intelligence analysis with regard to the possible exposure of United States troops to chemical or biological agents during the Persian Gulf War, after receiving testimony from John E. McLaughlin, Vice Chairman for Estimates, National Intelligence Council; Sylvia Copeland, Chief, CIA Persian Gulf Illnesses Task Force; Stephen C. Joseph, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; and Kenneth

W. Kizer, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health.

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).

Pages H11108–15, H11158–H11202, H11228

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

Pages H11137-39

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.

SUBPOENAS—BROTHERS TO THE RESCUE; ISSUE OF QUEBEC SOVEREIGNTY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere approved a motion to issue subpoenas of Department of Defense and other witnesses to testify and documents regarding the shutdown of the civilian "Brothers to the Rescue" planes by Cuban MIGs.

The Subcommittee also held hearing on the issue of Quebec Sovereignty and its Potential Impact on the United States. Testimony was heard from Representative Campbell; and public witnesses.

SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION (SAFE) ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on H.R. 3011, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Goodlatte; Jamie Gorelick, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and William Crowell, Deputy Director, NSA, Department of Defense.

U.S. POLICY FOR BOSNIA

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on current and future U.S. policy for Bosnia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John P. White, Deputy Secretary; and Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Committee also met to honor the following retiring members of the Committee: Representative Montgomery, Schroeder, Browder, Geren of Texas, and Peterson of Florida.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing to investigate the progress of a 1995 REGO II proposal to allow states to perform BLM's inspection and enforcement programs on federal lands. Testimony was heard from W. Hord Tipton, Assistant Director, Resource Use and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and James W. Carter, Director, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah.

CONFERENCE REPORT—OMNIBUS PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 1296, Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, and against its consideration. The rule also provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representatives Miller of California and Vento.

SMALL BUSINESS—OSHA REFORM AND RELIEF

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on OSHA Reform and Relief for Small Business: What Needs to be Done? Testimony was heard from Joseph Dear, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

FDIC'S HANDLING OF SMALL BUSINESS ASSET FORECLOSURES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs held a hearing on FDIC's handling of small business asset foreclosures in Massachusetts as a result of the failure of ComFed Savings Bank in Lowell, MA. Testimony was heard from John Bovenzi, Director, Depositor and Asset Services, FDIC; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

IRAQ—RECENT ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Recent Activities in Iraq. Testimony was heard from John M. Deutch, Director, CIA.

Joint Meetings

FAA AUTHORIZATION

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3539, to authorize funds for programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION

Conferees on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3259, to authorize funds 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.

PRESIDIO TRUST

Conferees on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1296, to provide for the Administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations to hold joint hearings with the Special Committee on Aging, on increasing funding for biomedical research, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the National Environmental Policy Act decision making process with regard to Federal Land Management Agencies and the role of the Council on Environmental Quality, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to resume hearings to review the interpretation of the ABM Treaty and U.S. ballistic missile defense, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings to review the annual report of the Postmaster General, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to review the annual refugee consultation process, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Appropriations, on increasing funding for biomedical research, 9 a.m., SH-216.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1696 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the status of the International Global Climate Change Negotiations, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on consumer access to home testing services and devices, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the financial status of the Corporation for National Service, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice and the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, joint hearing on the epidemic of teenage drug use, 10:30., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Postal Service, to continue hearings on H.R. 3717, Postal Reform Act of 1996, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on the Administration's Performance in Africa, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asian and the Pacific, executive, hearing on U.S. Interests in the South Pacific: Freely Associated States and Okinawa, Part II: The Okinawa Basing Issues, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, hearing on U.S. policy towards Iraq, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Task Force on Indian Trust Fund Management, oversight hearing on the mismanagement of Indian Trust Fund accounts by the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, hearing on H.R. 2777, Oroville-Tonasket Claim Settlement and Conveyance Act, 3 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, to continue hearings on ISEA Reauthorization: The Efficient Delivery of Transportation Improvements and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9 a.m., Thursday, September 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will consider the veto message on H.R. 1833, to ban partial-birth abortions. Senate may also consider the conference report on H.R. 2202, Immigration Reform, conference report on H.R. 1296, Presidio Properties, S. 1897, NIH Authorizations, and may resume consideration of S. 1505, Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act.

Also, Senate may begin consideration of S.J. Res. 63, Continuing Appropriations Resolution.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, September 26

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1296, Omnibus Parks and Public Land Management Act of 1996 (rule waiving points of order);

Consideration of 22 Suspensions:

1. H. Con. Res. 180, Commending Americans in Cold War;
2. H.R. 3874, Civil Rights Commission;
3. H.R. 2977, Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference Report;
4. H. Con. Res. 145, Removal of Russian Troops from Moldova;

5. H. Con. Res. 189, U.S. Membership in Regional South Pacific Organizations;

6. H. Con. Res. 51, Removal of Russian Troops from Kaliningrad;

7. H.R. 2579, Establishment of National Tourism Board;

8. H.R. 3841, Civil Service Reform Act;

9. H.R. 3973, Alaska Natives;

10. H.R. 3752, American Land Sovereignty Protection;

11. H.R. 3068, Prairie Island;

12. H.R. 2505, Alaska Native Claim Settlement;

13. H.R. 4168, Dealing with the Sale of Helium;

14. H.R. 2660, Tensas River National Wildlife;

15. S. 1802, Wyoming Fish Conveyance;

16. H.R. 3804, Agua Caliente;

17. H.R. 4011, Congressional Pension Forfeiture;

18. S. 1970, National Museum of the American Indian;

19. H.R. 3700, Internet Election Information;

20. S. 640, Water Resources Development Conference Report;

21. H.R. 3159, National Transportation Safety Board Amendments; and

22. H.R. 4138, Hydrogen Research and Development; and Votes on 6 Suspensions debated on Wednesday, September 25:

1. H.R. 3852, Methamphetamine Control;

2. H.R. 4137, Drug-Induced Rape Prevention;

3. H.R. 3456, Sexual Offender Tracking and Identification;

4. H.R. 2092, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance;

5. H. Res. 535, False Statements Accountability; and

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