

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures that were debated on Monday, July 28:

***Violent Crimes by Repeat Offenders:*** H. Con. Res. 75, expressing the sense of the Congress that States should work more aggressively to attack the problem of violent crimes committed by repeat offenders and criminals serving abbreviated sentences (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 400 yeas to 24 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 339); and

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***Expanded War Crimes Act of 1997:*** H.R. 1348, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, relating to war crimes (passed by a ye and nay vote of 391 yeas to 32 nays, Roll No. 340).

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**Presidential Message—Arctic Research Plan:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his fifth biennial revision (1998–2002) to the United States Arctic Research Plan—referred to the Committee on Science.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:14 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5926.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6026–27.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5965, H5982–83, H5983, H5984, and H5984–85. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:15 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

***Committee on Appropriations:*** Began markup of the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### **OVERSIGHT—GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT**

***Committee on Banking and Financial Services:*** Held an oversight hearing on the Government Performance and Results Act. Testimony was heard from Andrew C. Hove, Acting Chairman, FDIC; Shirlee P. Bowne, Vice Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller; and

Nicolas P. Retsinas, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Alice M. Rivlin, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Thomas J. McCool, Economist/Associate Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

### **ENERGY DEPARTMENT WASTE-SITE CLEAN-UP CONTRACTS**

***Committee on Commerce:*** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded hearings on the Department of Energy's Implementation of Contract Reform: Problems with the Fixed-Price Contract to Clean Up Pit 9. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Federico F. Peña, Secretary; and John M. Wilcynski, Manager, Operations Office; and public witnesses.

### **VIDEO COMPETITION**

***Committee on Commerce:*** Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Video Competition: The Status of Competition Among Video Delivery Systems. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS**

***Committee on Education and the Workforce:*** Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning concluded hearings on H.R. 6, the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, with emphasis on System Modernization efforts at the Department of Education and Accreditation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: David Longanecker, Assistant Secretary; and Thomas Bloom, Inspector General; Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Information Resources Management Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS**

***Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:*** Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing of Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Testimony was heard from Representatives Holden, Mink of Hawaii, Hinchey, Hunter, and Redmond; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—STATISTICAL PROPOSALS**

***Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:*** Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing of Statistical Proposals. Testimony was heard from Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and

Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Edward J. Sondik, Director, National Center for Health Statistics, Department of Health and Human Services; Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—EPA'S RULEMAKING NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the EPA's rulemaking on National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter and Ozone. Testimony was heard from Representatives Upton, Boucher, Klink, and Kucinich; Fred Hansen, Deputy Administrator, EPA; Richard L. Russman, Senator, State of New Hampshire; and public witnesses.

#### **QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW—RESERVE COMPONENT ISSUES**

*Committee on National Security,* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Reserve Component issues resulting from the Quadrennial Defense Review. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Edward L. Warner, Assistant Secretary, Strategy and Requirements; William J. Lynn, Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation; Lt. Gen. David J. McCloud, USAF, Director, Force Structure, Resources and Assessments, Joint Staff, Joints Chiefs of Staff; Sara E. Liser, Assistant Secretary, Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Maj. Gen. William Navas, USA, Director, Army National Guard; Gen. Ronald Griffith, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Army; Maj. Gen. Max Baratz, USA, Chief, Army Reserve; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 2007, to amend the Act that authorized the Canadian River reclamation project, Texas, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow use of the project distribution system to transport water from sources other than the project; and H.R. 134, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan guarantee to the Olivenhain water storage project.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 2007. Testimony was heard from David Cottingham, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Department of the Interior; and John C. Williams, General Manager, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

#### **EXPEDITED PROCEDURES**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a 2/3 vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules) providing for consid-

eration of specified measures. The waiver applies to rules for the Conference Report on H.R. 2015, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, an amendment thereto, a conference report thereon, or an amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon reported before August 3, 1997; and for the Conference Report on H.R. 2014, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, an amendment thereto, a conference report thereon, or an amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon reported after July 30, 1997, and before August 3, 1997.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Science:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1903, amended, Computer Security Enhancement Act of 1997; H.R. 922, amended, Human Cloning Research Prohibition Act of 1997; and H.R. 2249, to reauthorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1997 for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **FOREIGN AFFAIRS REFORM**

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Department of State and related agencies, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

#### **REVENUE RECONCILIATION**

*Conferees* on Monday, July 28, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2014, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1997**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,* business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research programs of the 1996 Farm Bill, and to consider the nominations of August Schumacher Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, I. Miley Gonzalez, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Shirley Watkins, Arkansas, to be Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and