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## Joint Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—VA/HUD

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, September 30.

### APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/EDUCATION

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 29 through October 4, 1997

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 25, Campaign Reform.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1156, D.C. Appropriations, 1998, with a cloture vote on Coats Modified Amendment No. 1249, regarding school vouchers, to occur thereon, and consider a continuing appropriations resolution.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of S. 25, Campaign Reform, and consider conference reports, when available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, September 30, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations:* October 1, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the results of the nationwide study by the National Cancer Institute of Radioactive Fallout from Nuclear Testing, 9 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* October 1, to hold hearings on the nomination of Jacques S. Gansler, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, 10 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* September 30, to hold hearings on the nominations of Laura S. Unger, of New York, and Paul R. Carey, of New York, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Dennis Dollar, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, and Edward M. Gramlich, of Virginia, and Roger Walton Ferguson, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* September 30, to hold hearings on the nominations of Michael K. Powell, of Virginia, Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth, of the District of Columbia, and Gloria Tristani, of New Mexico, each to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

September 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's request for fast-track trade negotiation authority, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of William E. Kennard, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* September 30, to hold hearings on the impacts of a new climate treaty on U.S. labor, electricity supply, manufacturing, and the general economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

October 1, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 940, to provide for a study of the establishment of Midway Atoll as a national memorial to the Battle of Midway, and H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* September 30, business meeting, to mark up S. 1180, to authorize funds for programs of the Endangered Species Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* October 1, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine recent events in Algeria, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* September 30 and October 1, to resume hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* September 29, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to review the operation of the FBI crime laboratory, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 30, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine unconstitutional set-asides, focusing on ISTEA's race-based set-asides after the Supreme Court case "Adarand", 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

September 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Raymond C. Fisher, of California, to

be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending judicial nominations, 3 p.m., SD-226.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Congress' constitutional role in protecting religious liberty, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* September 30, to resume hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, 10 a.m., SD-430.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine voluntary initiatives to expand health insurance coverage, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* October 1, closed business meeting, concerning petitions filed in connection with a contested U.S. Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, 10 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* September 30, to hold hearings on the nominations of Hershel Wayne Gober, of Arkansas, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Richard J. Griffin, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, William P. Greene Jr., of West Virginia, to be an Associate Judge of the United States Court of Veterans Affairs, and Espiridion A. Borrego, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; to be followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 8:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* October 1, to hold hearings on the nomination of Lt. Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, 2 p.m., SD-106.

### House Chamber

*Monday,* Consideration of 19 Suspensions:

- (1) S. 1198, Religious Workers Act;
- (2) S. 1161, To Amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to Authorize Appropriations for Refugee and Entrant Assistance for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999;
- (3) S. 1211, To Provide Permanent Authority for the Administration of Au Pair Programs;
- (4) H.R. 1116, Clint Independent School District Conveyance;
- (5) H. Con. Res. 131, Sense of Congress Regarding the Ocean;
- (6) H.R. 2233, Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1997;
- (7) H.R. 1476, Miccosukee Settlement Act of 1997;
- (8) H.R. 2007, Canadian River Reclamation Project, Texas;
- (9) H.R. 2261, Small Business Programs Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 1997;
- (10) H.R. 2487, Child Support Incentive Act of 1997;

(11) H.R. 1262, Securities and Exchange Commission Authorization Act of 1997;

(12) H.R. 2472, To Extend Certain Programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act;

(13) H.R. 2165, To Extend the Deadline under the Federal Power Act Applicable to the Construction of FERC Project Number 3862 in the State of Iowa;

(14) H.R. 2207, Coastal Pollution Reduction Act of 1997;

(15) H.R. 548, The Ted Weiss U.S. Courthouse;

(16) H.R. 595, The William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse;

(17) S. 819, The Martin V.B. Bostetter, Jr. U.S. Courthouse;

(18) S. 833, The Howard M. Metzenbaum U.S. Courthouse; and

(19) H.R. 2036, Aviation Insurance Reauthorization Act of 1997;

Consideration of H.R. 901, American Land Sovereignty Act (open rule); and

Consideration of H.J. Res. 94, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (considered by unanimous consent agreement).

*Note: No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.*

*Tuesday and Wednesday,* Complete consideration of H.R. 2267, Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary Appropriations Act (open rule);

Consideration of H.R. 1370, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H. Res. 244, demanding that the U.S. Attorney file criminal charges against Hermandad Mexicana Nacional for failure to comply with a valid subpoena under the Federal Contested Elections Act (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 1127, National Monument Fairness Act of 1997 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2378, Treasury, Postal Appropriations Conference Report (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2203, Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2158, VA/HUD Appropriations Conference Report (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 2169, Transportation Appropriations Conference Report (subject to a rule).

*Thursday and Friday,* No votes are expected.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* October 1, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the USDA's Government Performance and Results Act statement, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, September 29, to mark up the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1998, 3 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, September 30, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing to review OPM's Report on Improper Hiring Practices at the National Credit Union Administration, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on Financial Accounting Standard's Board (FASB) accounting rules for derivatives, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Printing Flaws on the Redesigned \$50 Bills, 1 p.m., 2222 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, October 1, to continue hearings on Protecting the Future of Social Security, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce*, September 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Medicare Waste, Fraud, and Abuse, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 30, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on an Overview of National Institutes of Health Programs, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 30, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 1872, Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act of 1997, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on the Implementation of the Clean Air Act National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) Revisions for Ozone and Particulate Matter, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, September 30, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, hearing on Public and Private School Choice, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 30, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing to Review the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA), 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

October 1, full Committee, to mark up the following: H.R. 2535, Emergency Student Loan Consolidation Act of 1997; a measure amending the Charter Schools program; and the Reading Excellence Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, September 29, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on H.R. 716, Freedom from Government Competition Act of 1997, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 30, full Committee, to consider the following bills: H.R. 404, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to State and local governments of certain surplus property for use for law enforcement or public safety purposes; and H.R. 1962, Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1997, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on "Contracting Out—Successes and Failures," 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, September 29, to continue markup of H.R. 967, to prohibit the use of United States funds to provide for the participation of certain Chinese officials in international conferences, programs, and activities and to provide that certain Chinese officials shall be ineligible to receive visas and be excluded from admission to the United States; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2232, Radio Free Asia Act of 1997; H.R. 2358, Political Freedom in China Act of 1997; and H.R. 2386, United States-Taiwan Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Cooperation Act, 5 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 30, hearing on Implementation of the U.S.-China Nuclear Cooperation Agreement: Whose Interests Are Served? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 30, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the Administration's Policy Toward Asia, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 1, full Committee, hearing on the Threat from International Organized Crime and Global Terrorism, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on the Africa Crisis Response Initiative, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, September 30, oversight hearing on Seeking Results from the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 30, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following: H.R. 1534, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1997; H.R. 1967, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide that the distribution before January 1, 1978, of a phonorecord shall not for any purpose constitute a publication of the musical work embodied therein; H.R. 2265, No Electronic Theft (NET) Act; and the Copyright Term Extension Act, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on the medical marijuana referenda movement in America, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, October 1, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Department of the Army reports on and corrective actions related to recent cases of sexual misconduct and related matters, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on security of Russian nuclear weapons, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, September 30, oversight hearing on issues surrounding use of fire as a management tool and its risks and benefits as they relate to the health of the National Forests and the EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 30, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Grazing Reductions and other issues on BLM lands, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 1, full Committee, to consider the following measures: H. Con. Res. 151, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should manage its public

domain National Forests to maximize the reduction of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere among many other objectives and that the United States should serve as an example and as a world leader in actively managing its public domain national forests in a manner that substantially reduces the amount of carbon dioxide added to the atmosphere; H.R. 1567, Eastern Wilderness Act; H.R. 1856, Volunteers for Wildlife Act of 1997; H.R. 2000, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarifications to the land bank protection provisions; H.R. 2259, King Cove Health and Safety Act of 1997; and H.R. 2402, Water-Related Technical Corrections Act of 1997, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, September 29, to consider the following: H.R. 1370, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States; H.R. 1127, National Monument Fairness Act of 1997; H. Res 244, demanding that the Office of the United States Attorney for the Central District of California file criminal charges against Hermandad Mexicana Nacional for failure to comply with a valid subpoena under the Federal Contested Elections Act; and the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 6 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, September 30, Subcommittee on Basic Research, to continue hearings on Domain Name System (Part 2), 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Space Shuttle Safety, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, September 30, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on FAA's efforts to close and consolidate flight service stations and to consider H.R. 1454, to prohibit the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration from closing certain flight service stations, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on allegations of cost overruns and delays in the FAA's wide area augmentation system (WAAS), 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, September 30, to mark up the following: a measure authorizing VA construction projects; and H.R. 1703, Department of Veterans Affairs Employment Discrimination Prevention Act, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, September 30, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the implementation of Fast Track Trade Authority, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

October 1, full Committee, to mark up the Technical Corrections Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, September 30, executive, briefing on Gulflink, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Conferees*: September 30, on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, 2 p.m., S-116, Capitol.