

**Rejected:**

The Brown of California amendment that sought to specify conditions under which lands may be nominated for designation as a United States Biosphere Reserve under the Man and the Biosphere Program of the U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

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The Vento amendment that sought to exempt sites nominated under the Convention on wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat, popularly known as the Ramsar Convention, (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 498);

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**Pending:**

The Farr amendment was offered that sought to exempt the California Coastal Ranges Biosphere Reserve;

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The Vento amendment was offered that sought to expand the prohibition of lands to be designated to include commercial use under international agreements; and

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The Miller of California amendment was offered that sought to strike Section 403 (b) relating to lands designated as a Biosphere Reserve under the Man and the Biosphere Program of the U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization on or before the date of enactment.

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**Late Report—Transportation Appropriations Conference Report:** Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8441.

**Referrals:** S. 750, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management, and S. 590, Miles Land Exchange Act of 1997, were referred to the Committee on Resources.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8500–01, H8501–02, H8502, H8511–12, H8536–37, and H8555–56. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOREST RECOVERY AND PROTECTION ACT REVIEW

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing on the Review of the Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

### SUBPOENAS—INVALIDATED TEAMSTER ELECTION

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Approved a motion to authorize the issuance of subpoenas for testimony in hearings on the Invalidated 1996 Teamster Election.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 282, to designate the U.S. Post Office building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, NY, as the “Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building”; H.R. 681, to designate the U.S. Post Office building located at 313 East Broadway in Glendale, CA, as the “Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Building”; H.R. 2013, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 551 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown, RI, as the “David B. Champagne Post Office Building”; H.R. 2129, to designate the U.S. Post Office located at 150 North 3d Street in Steubenville, OH, as the “Douglas Applegate Post Office”; H.R. 2564, to designate the United States Post Office located at 450 North Centre Street in Pottsville, PA, as the “Peter J. McCloskey Postal Facility”; and H.R. 2610, amended, National Narcotics Leadership Act Amendments of 1997.

### U.S.-CHINA NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Implementation of the U.S.-China Nuclear Cooperation Agreement: Whose Interests Are Served? Testimony was heard from Ken Adelman, former Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1085, amended, to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36, United States Code, “Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations”; H.R. 2578, to amend the Immigration and Nationality

Act to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of non-immigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General; H.R. 1534, amended, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1997; H.R. 992, amended, Tucker Act Shuffle Relief 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; and H.R. 2265, amended, No Electronic Theft (NET) Act.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forest and Forest Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1739, BWCAW Accessibility and Fairness Act of 1997; H.R. 1309, to provide for an exchange of lands with the city of Greeley, Co., and The Water Supply and Storage Company to eliminate private inholdings in wilderness areas; and H.R. 434, amended, to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2136, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey, at fair market value, certain properties in Clark County, Nevada, to persons who purchased adjacent properties in good faith reliance on land surveys that were subsequently determined to be inaccurate; H.R. 1714, to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site; H.R. 2283, amended, Arches National Park Expansion Act of 1997; H.R. 755, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to designate any portion of their income tax overpayments, and to make other contributions, for the benefit of units of the National Park System; S. 423, to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason; and S. 731, to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the following bills: S. 423; S. 731; and H.R. 2313, to prohibit the construction of any monument, memorial, or other structure at the site of the Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington, VA. Testimony was heard from Representative Solomon; John

G. Parsons, Chairman, National Capital Memorial Commission, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Robert A. Gaines, member, National Capital Planning Commission; J. Carter Brown, Chairman, Commission of Fine Arts; and public witnesses.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT—VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the Conference Report to accompany 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, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of California and Stokes.

#### PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT—SENATE AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for a motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the House to H.R. 1122, Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1997. The rule provides 1 hour of debate on the motion equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canady of Florida, Conyers, Scott, Hoyer, Lowey and Edwards.

#### COUNTDOWN TO KYOTO

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Countdown to Kyoto Part I: The Science of the Global Climate Change Agreement. Testimony was heard from Roy W. Spencer, Senior Scientist for Climate Studies, Marshall Space Flight Center, Global Hydrology and Climate Center, NASA; Aristides A. Patrinos, Associate Director, of Energy Research and Director, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### BRIEFING—CASPIAN SEA OIL FIELD/PIPELINE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a briefing on the Caspian Sea Oil Field/Pipeline. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

*Conferees* continued in evening session 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.

### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1057)

H.R. 111, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, California, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-49)

H.R. 680, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-50)

H.R. 2248, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-51)

H.R. 2443, to designate the Federal building located at 601 Fourth Street, N.W., in the District of Columbia, as the "Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office Memorial Building", in honor of William H. Christian, Jr., Martha Dixon Martinez, Michael J. Miller, Anthony Palmisano, and Edwin R. Woodruffe. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-52)

S. 996, to provide for the authorization of appropriations in each fiscal year for arbitration in United States district courts. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-53)

S. 1198, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the special immigrant religious worker program, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to extend the deadline for designation of an effective date for paperwork changes in the employer sanctions program, and to require the Secretary of State to waive or reduce the fee for application and issuance of a nonimmigrant visa for aliens coming to the United States for certain charitable purposes. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-54)

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*, to hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to food safety, 9 a.m., SR-332.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*, business meeting, to consider the nominations of Laura S. Unger, of New York, and Paul R. Carey, of New York, each 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, Edward M. Gramlich, of Virginia, and Roger Walton Ferguson, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Ellen Seidman, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*, to hold hearings on the nominations of John Arthur Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, James E. Hall, of Tennessee, and George W. Black Jr., of Georgia, each to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance*, to hold hearings on S. 1195, to promote the adoption of children in foster care, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*, to hold hearings to examine proliferation threats through the year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider the International Telecommunication Union Constitution and Convention (Treaty Doc. 104-34), Protocol Amending the 1916 Convention with Canada for the Protection of Migratory Birds (Treaty Doc. 104-28), Protocol Amending the Convention with Mexico for the Protection of Migratory Birds and Game Mammals (Treaty Doc. 105-26), Maritime Boundaries Treaty with Mexico (Ex. F, 96-1), and pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*, to continue 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*, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine issues with regard to competition in the cable and video markets, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources*, to hold hearings on the nomination of David Satcher, of Tennessee, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services and Medical Director and Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*, to hold hearings on the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies, focusing on the proposed Indian provision, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.