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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Further Continuing Appropriations, 1998.

The House passed H.R. 2646, Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11001–S11171

Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1310–1312 and S. Res. 138 and 139. Page S11034

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 96, proclaiming the week of March 15 through March 21, 1998, as “National Safe Place Week”.

S. 474, to amend sections 1081 and 1084 of title 18, United States Code, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 813, to amend chapter 91 of title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for theft and willful vandalism at national cemeteries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1292, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105–45, with an amendment. Page S11033

Measures Passed:

Continuing Appropriations: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 276) Senate passed H.J. Res. 97, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, clearing the measure for the President. Page S11015

Committee Expenditures: Senate agreed to S. Res. 138, authorizing expenditures for consultants by the Committee on Rules and Administration. Page S11168

Extradition Treaties Interpretation Act: Senate passed S. 1266, to interpret the term “kidnapping” in extradition treaties to which the United States is a party, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S11168–69

Lott (for Helms/Biden) Amendment No. 1523, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S11168–69

ISTEA Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amendment (the modification being a substitute for the text of the bill), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S11014–15, S11018–19, S11169–71

Pending:

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1312, to provide for a continuing designation of a metropolitan planning organization. Page S11169

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1313 (to language proposed to be stricken by the committee amendment, as modified), of a perfecting nature. Page S11169

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1314 (to Amendment No. 1313), of a perfecting nature. Page S11169

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions. Page S11169

Lott Amendment No. 1317 (to instructions of the motion to recommit), to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs. Page S11169

Lott Amendment No. 1318 (to Amendment No. 1317), to strike the limitation on obligations for administrative expenses. Page S11170

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 275), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the modified committee amendment. Pages S11014–15

By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 277), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having

voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the modified committee amendment. **Pages S11018–19**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Friday, October 24, 1997, with a cloture vote on the modified committee amendment to occur thereon.

FDA Modernization and Accountability Act—Conferees: Senate disagreed to the amendments of the House to S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Jeffords, Coats, Gregg, Frist, DeWine, Kennedy, Dodd, Harkin, and Mikulski. **Page S11018**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Agreement With Hong Kong for the Surrender of Fugitive Offenders, subject to two understandings, two declarations, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105–3)

International Telecommunication Union Constitution and Convention, with two understandings, two declarations, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 104–34)

U.S.-Mexico Treaty on Maritime Boundaries, with one declaration and one proviso. (Ex.F, 96–1)

Migratory Bird Protocol with Canada, with one understanding, one declaration, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. No. 104–28)

Migratory Bird Protocol with Mexico, with one declaration, one understanding, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. No. 105–26) **Pages S11165–68**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of Algenon L. Marbley, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio on Monday, October 27, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon at 5 p.m. **Pages S11164–65**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

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

Ellen Seidman, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision for a term of five years.

Peter L. Scher, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Trade Negotiator.

Edward E. Shumaker III, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. **Pages S11165, S11171**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Paul J. Hooper, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Linda Key Breathitt, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Curt Herbert, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Frank D. Yturria, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation. **Page S11171**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—277) **Pages S11014–15, S11018–19**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Friday, October 24, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11171.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sally Thompson, of Kansas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture, and Joseph B. Dial, of Texas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATION VETO

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1292, to disapprove the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997 regarding the Fiscal Year 1998 Military Construction Appropriations (Public Law 105–45), with an amendment.

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the cost implications of enlarging NATO membership to include Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic and the impact of enlargement on Department of Defense readiness, after receiving testimony from Henry L. Hinton, Jr., Assistant Comptroller General, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met to consider certain pending nominations, but did not take final action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Lt. Gen. Peter J. Schoemaker, USA, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Special Operations Command and for appointment to the grade of general, and Lt. Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and for appointment to the grade of general.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1228, to provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, with amendments; and

S. 318, to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required by a creditor as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Kevin Emanuel Marchman, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Saul N. Ramirez Jr., of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, Richard F. Keevey, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Eva M. Plaza, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, and Gail W. Laster, of New York, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Jo Ann Jay Howard, of Texas, to be Federal Insurance Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, F. Amanda Debusk, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, R. Roger Majak, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Com-

merce for Export Administration, and David L. Aaron, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade. Mr. Ramirez was introduced by Senator Gramm, Ms. Plaza was introduced by Representative Reyes, Ms. Howard was introduced by Senator Hutchison, Ms. Debusk and Mr. Majak were introduced by Senator Robb, and Mr. Aaron was introduced by Senator Baucus.

EUROPEAN PENSION PROGRAMS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current and future situation of public retirement systems in Europe and their impact on the European Monetary Union, and the need for pension reform, after receiving testimony from Koen De Ryck, Pragma Consulting, Brussels, Belgium; Richard Disney, University of London/Institute for Fiscal Studies, London, England; and Richard C. Leone, Twentieth Century Fund, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee met and approved a proposal to improve travel safety on the nation's roads and waterways, promote the safe shipment of hazardous materials, and advance pipeline transportation safety.

U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held oversight hearings to examine certain issues associated with the potential export of United States generating technology to China, focusing on the benefits of implementing the United States-China Nuclear Cooperation Agreement, receiving testimony from William F. Martin, World Resources Institute, former Deputy Secretary of Energy and former Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, Robert L. Gallucci, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Robert E. Ebel, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Joe F. Colvin, Nuclear Energy Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MONUMENT BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 633, to adjust the boundary of the Petroglyph National Monument, and S. 1132, to modify the boundaries of the Bandelier National Monument to include the lands within the headwaters of the Upper Alamo Watershed which drain into the Monument and which are not currently within the jurisdiction of a Federal land management agency, and to authorize purchase or donation of those lands, after receiving testimony from Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National

Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mayor Martin J. Chavez, Mayor-Elect Jim Baca, Ike Eastvold, Friends of the Albuquerque Petroglyphs, and Terri Cole, Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, and Lawrence D. Weaver, Westside Coalition of Neighborhood Associations/Paradise Hills Civic Association, Robert L. Morris, Robert L. Morris Inc., and Dennis R. Foltz, Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments, all of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and William F. Weahkee, Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, Inc., Bernalillo, New Mexico.

NORTH DAKOTA FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee held hearings to examine the proposed flood control project at Devils Lake, North Dakota, receiving testimony from Senators Conrad and Dorgan; Representative Pomeroy; John H. Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Michael J. Armstrong, Associate Director for Mitigation, Federal Emergency Management Agency; David A. Sprynczynatyk, North Dakota State Water Commission, Bismarck; Gary L. Pearson, Dakota Prairie Audubon Society, Jamestown, North Dakota; and Joe Belford, Ramsey County Lake Emergency Management Committee, Devils Lake, North Dakota.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Charles Rossotti, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner and Representative Thomas Davis, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Peter Francis Tufo, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, Alexander R. Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus, David Timothy Johnson, of Georgia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Head of the United States Delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Kathryn Walt Hall, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, and James Carew Rosapepe, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Romania, after the

nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Hall was introduced by Senator Hutchison, and Mr. Rosapepe was introduced by Representative Hoyer.

U.S. INTERESTS IN CASPIAN BASIN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings to examine United States economic and strategic interests in the Caspian Sea region, after receiving testimony from Senator Brownback; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs; Lawrence S. Eagleburger, Baker, Donelson, Bearman and Caldwell, Washington, D.C., former Deputy Secretary of State; and Charles J. Pitman, Amoco Eurasia Petroleum Company, Houston, Texas.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee continued hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Stephen Smith, Chief Petty Officer Charles McGrath, and Col. Charles Campbell, all of the White House Communications Agency.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, October 28.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Kenneth Ray McFerran, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, Joaquin L.G. Salas, to be United States Marshal for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Marshal for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, Charles Vincent Serio, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Jose Gerado Troncoso, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nevada;

S. 474, to provide penalties against any person who, while engaged in the business of betting or wagering, knowingly uses a communication facility for the transmission or receipt in interstate or foreign commerce of bets or wagers, information assisting in the placing of bets or wagers, or a communication that entitles the transmitter or receiver to receive money or credit as a result of bets or wagers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 813, to provide criminal penalties for theft and willful vandalism at national cemeteries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. Res. 96, proclaiming the week of March 15 through March 21, 1998, as "National Safe Place Week".

EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee held hearings on S. 869, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, receiving testimony from Raymond W. Smith, Bell Atlantic Corporation, Arlington, Virginia; Thomas J. Grote, Donatos Pizza, Columbus, Ohio; Kendall Hamilton, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and David N. Horowitz, Phoenix, Arizona.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 109, authorizing funds to make block grants on behalf of Native Hawaiians to carry out affordable housing activities in Hawaii and provide the grant

amounts directly to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1079, to permit the leasing of mineral rights, in any case in which the Indian owners of an allotment that is located within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and held trust by the United States have executed leases to more than 50 percent of the mineral estate of that allotment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 156, to provide certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, with an amendment; and

H.R. 79, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Six Rivers National Forest in the State of California for the benefit of the Hoopa Valley Tribe.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 2707–2728; 2 private bills, H.R. 2706, 2729; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 276, 279, were introduced. **Pages H9501–02**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1493, to require the Attorney General to establish a program in local prisons to identify, prior to arraignment, criminal aliens and aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States, amended (H. Rept. 105–338);

H.R. 2265, to amend the provisions of titles 17 and 18, United States Code, to provide greater copyright protection by amending criminal copyright infringement provisions, amended (H. Rept. 105–339);

Conference report on H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (H. Rept. 105–340);

H.R. 2621, to extend trade authorities procedures with respect to reciprocal trade agreements, amended (H. Rept. 105–341 Part 1);

H. Res. 277, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–342); and

H. Res. 278, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military person-

nel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (H. Rept. 105–343). **Pages H9076–H9464, H9500–01**

Journal: By a ye and nay vote of 364 yeas to 52 nays, Roll No. 321, agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, October 22.

Pages H9041, H9047

Ceremony Honoring Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 56, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the ceremony honoring Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope by conferring upon him the status of an honorary veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Pages H9046–47

Sponsor of Molinari Measure: Agreed by unanimous consent that Representative Kelly be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 616, to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer, coverage for reconstructive surgery following mastectomies, and coverage for secondary consultations, a bill originally introduced by Representative Molinari, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints.

Page H9056

Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools: By a ye and nay vote of 230 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 524, the House passed H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary

school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts.

Pages H9056–76

Rejected:

The Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to increase the volume cap on bonds for public school construction and rehabilitation to \$4 billion (rejected by a ye-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 523). Pages H9067–75

The House agreed to H. Res. 274, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a ye and nay vote of 287 yeas to 135 nays, Roll No. 522. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in Part 1 of H. Rept. 105–336, the report accompanying the rule was considered as adopted.

Pages H9047–56

Question of Privilege of the House: The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 276, relating to a question of the privileges of the House did constitute a question of privilege and was in order. By a ye and nay vote of 204 yeas to 222 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 525, the House failed to agree to the resolution.

Pages H9464–73

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9047, H9055–56, H9075, H9075–76, and H9473. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW—USDA ACCOUNTABILITY AND EQUITY ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review H.R. 2185, USDA Accountability and Equity Act of 1997, and other civil rights measures. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

SECURING AMERICA’S FUTURE

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Securing America’s Future: Preparing the Nation for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich and Representatives Shuster, Boehner, Archer, Stark, Neumann, Kolbe, Sabo, Brown of California, and Minge; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY’S IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTRACT REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Energy’s Implementation of Contract Reform: Mismanagement of Performance-Based Contracting.

Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: John C. Layton, Inspector General; and Elizabeth Anne Moler, Deputy Secretary; and public witnesses.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Reauthorization of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and GAO report CPSC: Better Data Needed to Help Identify and Analyze Potential Hazards. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Carlotta Joyner, Director, Education and Employment Issues; and Sarah Glavine, Senior Economist; and the following officials of the Consumer Product Safety Commission: Ann Brown, Chairman; Mary Sheila Gall and Thomas Hill Moore, both Commissioners.

PATIENT ACCESS TO RESPONSIBLE CARE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 1415, Patient Access to Responsible Care Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Norwood and Miller of California; and public witnesses.

JOB CORPS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on “Job Corps Oversight: Recruitment and Placement Standards”. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Patricia A. Dalton, Deputy Inspector General; and Mary H. Silva, National Director, Job Corps; Cornelia Blanchette, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

CONDEMNING INTERVENTION BY ANGOLA INTO CONGO

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action H. Res. 273, condemning the military intervention by the Government of the Republic of Angola into the Republic of the Congo.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.J. Res. 91, amended, granting the consent of Congress to the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact; H.J. Res. 92, amended, granting the consent of Congress to the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact; H.J. Res. 95, granting the

consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact; and H.J. Res. 96, granting the consent and approval of Congress for the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on these measures. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barr of Georgia, Boyd, Bryant, Wicker, and Davis of Virginia; Peter D. Coppelman, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; Jack Evans, Chairman, Board of Directors, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; G. Robert Kerr, Director, Pollution Prevention Assistance Division, Department of Natural Resources, State of Georgia; Walter B. Stevenson, Director, Office of Water Resources, State of Alabama; Douglas E. Barr, Executive Director, Northwest Florida Water Management District, State of Florida; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2652, Collections of Information Protection Act; and H.R. 2696, Vessel Hull Design Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the implementation of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act of 1994. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FBI, Department of Justice: Edward L. Allen, Chief, Electronic Surveillance Technology Section and H. Michael Warren, Chief, CALEA Implementation Section, both with the Information Resources Division; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2376, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1997.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2401, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; and H.R. 2556, Wetlands and Wildlife Enhancement Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representa-

tive Tanner; Don Barry, Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS—RECREATIONAL RESIDENCE USE FEES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on the Recreational Residence Use Fees on National Forest System Lands. Testimony was heard from Representative Nethercutt; Janice McDougale, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies 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 Regula and Sam Johnson of Texas.

CONFERENCE REPORT—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1119, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Representative Dellums.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 2626, to make clarifications to the Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996; and H.R. 2476, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual foreign air carriers to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents involving foreign air carriers.

FAA—ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Allegations of Sexual Harassment at the FAA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FAA, Department of Transportation: Jane F. Garvey, Administrator; Joan M. Henson, Air Traffic Control Specialist, Atlanta; Carl W. Reed, Operational Supervisor, Houston Air Route Traffic Control Center,

Houston, TX; Julia Avery, Air Traffic Control Specialist, Houston Air Route Traffic Center; and Jan Vera Gonzales, Class Agent, John Wayne Tower; and public witnesses.

BAN ON SMOKING IN FEDERAL BUILDING ACT

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on H.R. 2118, Ban on Smoking in Federal Buildings Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Blumenauer; David Bibb, Deputy Associate Administrator, GSA; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; and a public witness.

VA INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTS— ALLEGED MISMANAGEMENT AT CERTAIN MEDICAL CENTERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA Inspector General Reports on Alleged Mismanagement at the Charleston, South Carolina and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania VA Medical Centers, and on related matters. Testimony was heard from Representative Sanford; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: William T. Merriman, Deputy Inspector General; Kenneth Clark, Chief Network Officer, Dean S. Billik, Director, Central Texas Veterans Healthcare System, Veterans Integrated Services Network 17, Thomas A. Cappello, Director, Pittsburgh VA Healthcare System, Veterans Integrated Services Network 4, all with the Veterans Health Administration; Fletcher P. Truesdell, Employee, Charleston VA Medical Center; and Kate Irene Smith, Employee, Charleston VA Medical Center.

FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, with emphasis on the Current State of Public Opinion on Social Security Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT; UNILATERAL TRADE SANCTIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade approved for full committee action amended H.R. 1432, African Growth and Opportunity Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the use and effect of unilateral trade sanctions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hamilton, Kolbe and Ros-Lehtinen; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1102)

S. 1000, to designate the United States courthouse at 500 State Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse". Signed October 22, 1997. (P.L. 105-63)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1997 Senate

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the National export strategy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Carolyn Curiel, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to Belize, Victor Marrero, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Christopher C. Ashby, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, and Timothy Michael Carney, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on H.R. 1953, to clarify State authority to tax compensation paid to certain employees, 10 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to mark up H.R. 10, the Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Space Solar Power: A Fresh Look, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:45 a.m., Friday, October 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Program for Friday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 1173, ISTEPA legislation, with a cloture vote on the modified committee amendment to occur thereon.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 2247, Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act (modified closed rule);

Consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 2107, Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations (rule waiving all points of order); and

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