

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **OVERSIGHT—EPA ACTIVITIES—ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research and the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a joint oversight hearing on EPA activities related to concentrated animal feeding operations. Testimony was heard from Representative Miller of California; the following officials of the EPA: Michael Cook, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water; and Elaine Stanley, Director, Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; Pearlie Reed, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; John Baker, Commissioner, Natural Resources Conservation Commission, State of Texas; and Peter Rooney, Secretary, Environmental Protection Agency, State of California.

### **OVERSIGHT—IS FHA LIMITING CHOICES FOR HOME FINANCE?**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development held an oversight hearing on Is FHA Limiting Choices for Home Finance? An Examination of Fair Housing Compliance. Testimony was heard from Representative Davis of Illinois; and public witnesses.

### **FUNDING SPECIAL EDUCATION—GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on First Things First: Review of the Federal Government's Commitment to Funding Special Education. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bass and McCarthy of New York; and public witnesses.

### **CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Failed to obtain two-thirds Committee majority to grant immunity to four individuals regarding campaign fundraising investigation.

### **KYOTO PROTOCOL**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the Kyoto Protocol: Problems with U.S. Sovereignty and the Lack of Developing Country Participation. Testimony was heard from Representative Knollenberg; Janet Yellen, Chair, Council of Economic Advisors; Stuart Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

## **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere approved for full Committee action amended the following resolutions: H. Con. Res. 254, calling on the Government of Cuba to extradite to the United States convicted felon Joanne Chesimard and all other individuals who have fled the United States to avoid prosecution or confinement for criminal offenses and who are currently living freely in Cuba; and H. Res. 421, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives deploring the tragic and senseless murder of Bishop Juan Jose Gerardi, calling on the Government of Guatemala to expeditiously bring those responsible for the crime to justice, and calling on the people of Guatemala to reaffirm their commitment to continue to implement the peace accords without interruption.

### **BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Began markup of H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998. Will continue tomorrow.

### **OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION**

*Committee on Resources:* Held an oversight hearing on the National Forest Foundation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General; and Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service; and a public witness.

### **FREEDOM FROM RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2431, Freedom From Religious Persecution Act. The rule makes in order as an original bill for amendment purposes an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3806, as modified by the amendments printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides that amendments will be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report, equally divided between a proponent and an opponent and are not subject to amendment or a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in

the Rules Committee report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman; Representatives Smith of New Jersey, Manzullo, Brady, Smith of Texas and Watt of North Carolina.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on Science:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 2544, Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 1997; H.R. 3007, Commission on the Advancement of Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development Act; H.R. 3332, Next Generation Internet Research Act of 1998; and H.R. 3824, amending the Fastener Quality Act to exempt from its coverage certain fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in aircraft.

The Committee also considered pending Committee business.

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads concluded hearings on the Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization: Rates, Access and Remedies. Testimony was heard from Linda J. Morgan, Chairwoman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D460)

H.J. Res. 102, expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel. Signed May 11, 1998. (P.L. 105-175)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,* to hold hearings on the Department of Agriculture's Year 2000 compliance, 9 a.m., SR-332.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Gang Resistance, Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the Employee Retirement Income Security Act's (ERISA) preemption, focusing on remedies for denied or delayed health claims, 12:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on titles IX and X of S. 1693, to renew, reform, reinvigorate, and protect the National Park System, and S. 1614, to require a permit for the making of motion picture, television program, or other forms of commercial visual depiction in a unit of the National Park System or National Wildlife Refuge System, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance,* business meeting, to mark up S. 1415, to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* to hold hearings to review the United States interest at the June 1998 U.S.-China Summit, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States policy toward Iran, 1:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the safety of food imports, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business,* to hold hearings on the nomination of Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence,* to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 3:30 p.m., SH-219.

### NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E856 in today's Record.

### House

*Committee on Commerce,* to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 171, declaring the memorial service sponsored by the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Memorial Service Board of Directors to honor emergency medical services personnel to be the "National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service"; H.R. 2202, National Bone Marrow Registry Reauthorization Act of 1998; and H.R. 3849, Internet Tax Freedom Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on China Trade Policy, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, to mark up the following bills: