

Rockefeller, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### COAL ACT

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefit Act of 1992 (Coal Act), focusing on the financial status of the funding of health benefits for retired coal miners and how the recent Supreme Court ruling in *Eastern Enterprises v. Apfel* will impact on the financial management of the United Mine Workers of America's Combined Benefit Fund, after receiving testimony from Senators Rockefeller and Conrad; Kathy Karpan, Director, Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; and Marilyn O'Connell, Associate Commissioner for Program Benefits, Social Security Administration.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of William J. Hibbler and Matthew F. Kennelly, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Yvette Kane and James M. Munley, each to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District

of Pennsylvania, Alex R. Munson, to be a Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and Francis M. Allegra, of Virginia, Lawrence Baskir, of Maryland, Lynn Jeanne Bush, of the District of Columbia, Edward J. Damich, of Virginia, and Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Messrs. Hibbler and Kennelly were introduced by Senator Durbin, Ms. Kane was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, Mr. Munley was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum and Representative McDade, Mr. Munson was introduced by Northern Mariana Islands Resident Representative Juan Babauta, Messrs. Allegra and Damich and Ms. Firestone were introduced by Senator Robb, Mr. Baskir was introduced by Senator Sarbanes, and Ms. Bush was introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Leigh A. Bradley, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Eligah Dane Clark, of Alabama, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and Edward A. Powell, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 4705–4711, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1842, to terminate further development and implementation of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative (H. Rept. 105–781);

H.R. 3087, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to grant an easement to Chugach Alaska Corporation, amended (H. Rept. 105–782);

H.R. 2756, to authorize an exchange of property between the Kake Tribal Corporation and the Sealaska Corporation and the United States, amended (H. Rept. 105–783);

H.R. 3088, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange (H. Rept. 105–784);

H.R. 4389, to provide for the conveyance of various reclamation project facilities to local water authorities, amended (H. Rept. 105–785);

Conference report on H.R. 3874, to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to make improvements to the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children and to extend the authority of that program through fiscal year 2003 (H. Rept. 105–786);

H.R. 3610, to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance training, research and development, energy conservation and efficiency, and consumer education in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public (H. Rept. 105–787 Part 1); and

Conference report on S. 2206, to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to those Acts, to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets (H. Rept. 105–788).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Bass to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9593**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H9594**

**Private Calendar:** On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed H.R. 1794, for the relief of Mai Hoa "Jasmine" Salehi; and H.R. 1834, for the relief of Mercedes Del Carmen Quiroz Martinez Cruz. The House passed over without prejudice S. 1304, for the relief of Belinda McGregor.

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**VA, HUD Appropriations:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by a yeas and nays vote of 409 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 483.

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H. Res. 574, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report accompanying the bill, was agreed to by voice vote.

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**Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary Appropriations:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4276, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Rogers, Kolbe, Taylor of North Carolina, Regula, Latham, Livingston, Young of Florida, Mollohan, Skaggs, Dixon, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Mollohan motion to instruct conferees to not concur in any Senate legislative provisions or any extraneous legislative provisions, which are outside the scope of Conference, which could have the effect of causing a government shutdown.

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**Consideration of Certain Resolutions from Rules Committee:** The House agreed to H. Res. 575, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 218 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 484.

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**Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute Demonstration Project:** The House passed H.R. 4259, to allow Haskell Indian Nations University and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute each to conduct a demonstration project to test the feasibility and desirability of new personnel management policies and procedures.

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Rejected:

The Cummings amendment in the nature of a substitute to authorize Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico to conduct personnel demonstration projects, stipulates oversight by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, and requires that the projects will be subject to existing civil service procedures, including retirement and benefit programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 244 nays, Roll No. 485).

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H. Res. 576, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote.

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**Late Reports:** Conference committees received permission to have until midnight on October 6 to file conference reports on H.R. 3874, to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to make improvements to the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children and to extend the authority of that program through fiscal year 2003; and S. 2206, to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to those Acts, to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets.

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**Consideration of Intelligence Authorization Conference Report:** Agreed that on October 7, or any day thereafter, it may be in order to consider the conference report on H.R. 3694, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System; that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived; and that the conference report be considered as read when called up.

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**Consideration of Suspensions:** Pursuant to H. Res. 575, agreed to consider the following measures under suspension of the rules on Wednesday, Oct. 7: H.R. 4679, H.R. 3783, H.R. 8, H.R. 4657, H.R. 4656, S. 2505, H.R. 2921, H.R. 4616, H.R. 2348, H. Con. Res. 331, S. 2022, S. 512, S. 1976, H.R. 804, and H.R. 4293.

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**Permitting Official Photographs:** The House agreed to H. Res. 577, permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9593, H9647, and H9964.

**Referrals:** S. 2505, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey title to the Tunnison Lab Hagerman Field Station in Gooding County, Idaho, to the University of Idaho, was referred to the Committee on Resources.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9625, H9628, and H9644–45. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### KYOTO PROTOCOL

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on The Kyoto Protocol: The Outlook for Buenos Aires and Beyond. Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Chair, Council of Economic Advisors; Melinda Kimble, Acting Assistant Secretary, Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### SUBPOENA—PORTALS INVESTIGATION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations authorized the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to Reed E. Hundt in connection with the Subcommittee's ongoing Portals investigation.

### PORTALS INVESTIGATION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on the circumstances surrounding the FCC's planned relocation to the Portals, including the efforts of Franklin L. Haney and his representatives with respect to this matter and the circumstances surrounding the payment of fees to those representatives. Testimony was heard from James R. Sasser, Ambassador to China; Franklin L. Haney, Franklin L. Haney Company; Peter Knight and Jody Trapasso, both with Wunder, Knight, Levine, Thelen and Forscey.

Hearings continue October 9.

### TEAMSTERS' STRIKE AT DIAMOND WALNUT GROWERS—EFFORTS TO SETTLE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Efforts to Settle the Teamsters' strike at Diamond Walnut Growers, Inc. Testimony was heard from Michael Kantor, former U.S. Trade Representative; Jennifer O'Connor, former White House Special Assistant to the President; and public witnesses.

### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S FOREIGN VISITOR PROGRAM

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on the Department of Energy's Foreign Visitor Program. Testimony was heard from Keith O. Fultz, Assistant Comptroller General, Resources, Community and Economic Development, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Energy: Elizabeth Moler, Deputy Secretary; John C. Browne, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory; C. Paul Richardson, Director, Sandia National Laboratories; and C. Bruce Tarter, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

### TOHONO O'ODHAM RELIGIOUS AREA RESTORATION ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 4119, Tohono O'odham Religious Area Restoration Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Pastor; Pat Shea, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Basic Research held an oversight hearing on High Performance Computing. Testimony was heard from Neal Lane, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Joseph Bordogna, Acting Deputy Director, NSF; and public witnesses.

### TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES RELATED TO Y2K PROBLEM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Continued hearings to review Transportation and Infrastructure Issues related to the Year 2000 Computer Problem "Y2K: Will We Get There On Time?" with emphasis on Highways, Pipelines and Public Buildings Issues. Testimony was heard from David Barram, Administrator, GSA; from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Steven Van Beck, Deputy Administrator, Research and Special Projects Administration; and Gloria Jeff, Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Kathleen Hirning, Chief Information Officer, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Michael Heyman, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; Kathy Hoftstedt, Year 2000 Project Manager, Department of Transportation, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.