

Wednesday, June 23, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House committees ordered reported 10 sundry measures.

House passed H.R. 2084, Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7483–S7550

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1267–1272, and S. Res. 126–127. **Pages S7526–27**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 918, to authorize the Small Business Administration to provide financial and business development assistance to military reservists' small business, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–84) **Page S7526**

Measures Passed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag/Daily Session of the Senate: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 113, to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate to require that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States be recited at the commencement of the daily session of the Senate, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7541–42**

Smith (of N.H.)/McConnell Amendment No. 733, to provide for a designated Senator to lead the Senate from the dais in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. **Pages S7541–42**

Treatment of Religious Minorities in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 39, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the treatment of religious minorities in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and particularly the recent arrests of members of that country's Jewish community, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7542**

Schumer Amendment No. 734, to make certain clarifying amendments. **Page S7542**

Appreciation of the Work of Mildred Winter: Senate agreed to S. Res. 126, expressing the sense of the Senate that appreciation be shown for the extraordinary work of Mildred Winter as a Missouri teacher and leader in creating the Parents as Teachers program on the occasion that Mildred Winter steps down as Executive Director of such program. **Pages S7542–43**

Return of Official Papers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 127, to direct the Secretary of the Senate to request the return of certain papers. **Page S7543**

Fuels Regulatory Relief Act: Senate passed S. 880, to amend the Clean Air Act to remove flammable fuels from the list of substances with respect to which reporting and other activities are required under the risk management plan program, after agreeing to a committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7543–49**

Grassley (for Chafee) Amendment No. 735 (to the reported committee amendment), to provide for controlled public access to off-site consequence analysis information. **Pages S7544–45**

Agricultural Appropriations, FY2000—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of S. 1233, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, on Thursday, June 24, 1999. **Page S7549**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, the 1997 Annual Report of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; referred to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (PM-39). Page S7523

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William J. Ranier, of New Mexico, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

William J. Ranier, of New Mexico, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 2004.

Irasema Garza, of Maryland, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor.

T. Michael Kerr, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. Pages S7549-50

Messages From the President: Page S7523

Messages From the House: Page S7523

Measures Referred: Page S7523

Measures Placed on Calendar: Page S7523

Communications: Pages S7523-24

Petitions: Pages S7524-26

Executive Reports of Committees: Page S7526

Statements on Introduced Bills: Pages S7527-34

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S7534-35

Amendments Submitted: Pages S7535-37

Authority for Committees: Pages S7537-38

Additional Statements: Pages S7538-41

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7549.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Special Investigative Panel of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board to reorganize Department of Energy National Security Programs in response to espionage threats, after receiving testimony from Senators Kyl and Domenici; William B. Richardson, Secretary of Energy; Adm. Henry G. Chiles, Jr., USN, Ret. former Commander-in-Chief, United States Strategic Command;

and Sidney D. Drell, Member, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Export Administration Act, receiving testimony from William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; John Hamre, Deputy Secretary of Defense; James Schroeder, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Rose Gottenmoeller, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nonproliferation and National Security; and John Barker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation Controls.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 383, to establish a national policy of basic consumer fair treatment for airline passengers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 97, to require the installation and use by schools and libraries of a technology for filtering or blocking material on the Internet on computers with Internet access to be eligible to receive or retain universal service assistance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 798, to promote electronic commerce by encouraging and facilitating the use of encryption in interstate commerce consistent with the protection of national security;

S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 800, to promote and enhance public safety through the use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services, with amendments;

S. 655, to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles;

S. 1248, to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Administration;

S. 937, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for certain maritime programs of the

Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 832, to extend the commercial space launch damage indemnification provisions of section 70113 of title 49, United States Code;

And the nominations of Johnnie E. Frazier, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce, Cheryl Shavers, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology, Kelly H. Carnes, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy, Ann Brown, of Florida, to be a Commissioner and Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Mary Sheila Gall, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Albert S. Jacquez, of California, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Sylvia de Leon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), and a nomination for promotion in the United States Coast Guard.

LAND CONVEYANCE AND WILDERNESS DESIGNATION BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 503, designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the "Spanish Peaks Wilderness", S. 953, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the State of South Dakota to the Terry Peak Ski Area, S. 977, to provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land, S. 1088, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites in national forests in the State of Arizona, to convey certain land to the City of Sedona, Arizona for a wastewater treatment facility, and H.R. 15 and S. 848, bills to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness, after receiving testimony from Senators Allard and Kyl; Representative Bilbray; Denny Bschor, Director, Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Tom Fry, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and Douglas Robertson, Douglas County, Roseburg, Oregon.

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN SALMON RECOVERY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water concluded hearings on issues relating to the Columbia River Basin salmon recovery, focusing on the activities of the Federal Caucus and the Four-H Paper, and the status of the 99 Decision, after receiving testimony from Senator Craig; George T.

Frampton, Jr., Acting Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne, and Mark Dunn, J.R. Simplot Company, on behalf of the Northwest Food Processors Association, both of Boise, Idaho; Donald Sampson, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Portland, Oregon; Scott Faber, American Rivers, Washington, D.C.; Owen C. Squires, Pulp and Paperworkers Resource Council, Lewiston, Idaho, on behalf of the Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical, and Energy Workers International Union Local 712; Tim Stearns, Save Our Wild Salmon, Seattle, Washington; and Lynn Ausman, Waitsburg, Washington, on behalf of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers and the Washington Barley Commission.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on proposals to add a prescription drug benefit to the Medicare program, receiving testimony from Laura A. Dummit, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Michael E. Gluck, National Academy of Social Insurance, Alan F. Holmer, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, J. Leighton Read, Aviron, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, and Martha A. McSteen, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, all of Washington, D.C.; Kevin W. Concannon, Maine Department of Human Services, Augusta; Morris B. Mellion, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska, Omaha, on behalf of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association; and Jeff Sanders, PCS Health Systems, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine United States policy towards Iraq, after receiving testimony from A. Elizabeth Jones, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Ahmad Chalabi, Iraqi National Congress, London, England; and Patrick Clawson, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Rend Rahim Francke, Iraq Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of David B. Sandalow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

EXPORT CONTROL PROCESS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on interagency Inspectors General report on the export control process for dual-use and munitions list commodities, after receiving testimony from Johnnie E. Frazier, Acting Inspector General, Department of Commerce; Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; Donald Mancuso, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense; John C. Payne, Deputy Inspector General, Department of State; Lawrence W. Rogers, Acting Inspector General, Department of the Treasury; and L. Britt Snider, Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on issues relating to religious liberty protection, after receiving testimony from Texas State Representative Scott Hochburg, Houston; Steven T. McFarland, Christian Legal Society's Center for Law and Religious Freedom, Annandale, Virginia; Nathan J. Diament, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Elliot M. Minberg, People for the American Way, and Christopher E. Anders, American Civil Liberties Union, all of Washington, D.C.; Manuel A. Miranda, Cardinal Newman Society for Catholic Higher Education, Fairfax, Virginia; and Michael P. Farris, Home School Legal Defense Association, Purcellville, Virginia,

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on Title VI, Innovative Education Program Strategies, receiving testimony from Earin M. Martin, Texas Education Agency, Austin, on behalf of the Title VI National Steering Committee; Robert McNamara, Vermont Department of Education, Montpelier; Sandra J. Erickson, Howard County Public School System, Ellicott City, Maryland; Eric A. Hanushek, University of Rochester W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy, Rochester, New York; Randy Ross, Los Angeles Annenberg Metropolitan Project, Los Angeles, California; and Lynn Winters, Grassland Middle School, Franklin, Tennessee, on behalf of the National Education Association.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, June 29.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 695, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area, with amendments;

S. 1076, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to enhance programs providing health care, education, and other benefits for veterans, to authorize major medical facility projects, to reform eligibility for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, with amendments;

An original bill to direct VA to provide cost-of-living adjustments in compensation and other benefits for calendar year 2000, and would codify cost-of-living adjustments provided by VA for calendar year 1999;

An original bill to enhance veterans' educational assistance benefits programs; and

The nomination of John T. Hanson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.

NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION FINAL REPORT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the National Gambling Impact Study Commission final report on the status of tribal governmental sponsored gaming in the United States, after receiving testimony from Robert W. Loescher, Sealaska Corporation, Juneau, Alaska, on behalf of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission; Montie R. Deer, National Indian Gaming Commission, Raymond C. Scheppach, National Governors' Association, and Richard G. Hill, National Indian Gaming Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Deborah Doxtator, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Oneida.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee meets again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2316–2334; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 142, and H. Res. 219–220 were introduced. **Pages H4821–22**

Reports Filed: One report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1651, to amend the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 to extend the period during which reimbursement may be provided to owners of United States fishing vessels for costs incurred when such a vessel is seized and detained by a foreign country (H. Rept. 106–197). **Page H4821**

Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, by a yeas and nays vote of 429 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 250. **Pages H4748–85**

Agreed to:

The Young of Florida amendment that rescinds contract authorization for Grants-in-Aid for Airports, Airport and Airway Trust Fund, by \$300 million; **Pages H4766–68**

The Sanford amendment that reduces funding for the Transportation Administrative Service Center funding by \$1 million. Earlier, a similar amendment was offered and subsequently withdrawn; **Pages H4776–77**

The Andrews amendment that reduces funding for the Amtrak Reform Council by \$300,000 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 289 yeas to 141 nays, Roll No. 248); and **Pages H4777–78, H4782–83**

The Rogan amendment that prohibits any funding for the planning or development of the California State Route 710 Freeway extension project through South Pasadena, California. Earlier, the amendment was offered and subsequently withdrawn (agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 249). **Pages H4778–81, H4783**

Withdrawn:

The Sanford amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to reduce funding for the Transportation Administrative Service Center by \$1 million; **Page H4773**

The Rogan amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit any funding for the planning or development of the California State Route 710 Freeway extension project through South Pasadena, California; **Page H4776**

The Nadler amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit funding for the Miller highway project in New York; and **Pages H4781–82**

The Smith of Michigan amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to strike funding of \$980.4 million for new mass transit rail systems. **Pages H4783–84**

Points of Order Sustained Against:

Language on page 11, lines 8 and 9; **Pages H4764–65**

Language on page 10 line 17 through page 13, line 13; **Page H4765**

Language on page 13, line 16; **Page H4765**

Language on page 15, line 20; **Page H4765**

Language on page 17, line 14; **Pages H4768–69**

Language on page 18, line 4; **Page H4769**

Language on page 19, line 5; **Page H4769**

Language on page 19, line 25; **Page H4769**

Language on page 25, line 9; **Page H4770**

Language on page 32, line 8; **Page H4770**

Section 337, page 50, lines 1–4; **Page H4774**

Section 338, page 50, lines 5–9; **Page H4774**

Section 342, page 50, line 22 through page 51, line 4; **Page H4774**

Section 343, page 51, lines 5–12; and **Page H4774**

Section 346, page 52, lines 1–10. **Page H4775**

H. Res. 218 the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 416 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 247. **Pages H4746–48**

Satellite Home Viewer Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1554, to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, and the Communications Act of 1934, relating to copyright licensing and carriage of broadcast signals by satellite, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Biley, Tauzin, Oxley, Dingell, and Markey from the Committee on Commerce; provided that Representative Boucher is appointed in lieu of Representative Markey for consideration of sections 712(b)(1), 712(b)(2), and 712(c)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 as added by section 104 of the House bill; and Representatives Hyde, Coble, Goodlatte, Conyers, and Berman from the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H4787**

Order of Business: Agreed that after debate on H.J. Res. 33, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, it may be in order at that point for the Chair to postpone further consideration of the bill until the following legislative day, on which consideration may resume at a time designated by the Speaker. **Page H4787**

Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit Flag Desecration: The House completed general debate on H.J. Res. 33, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States and pursuant to the earlier order of the House, further proceedings were postponed until June 24. Pages H4787–H4804

International Financial Institution Advisory Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Campbell of California and Mr. Allan H. Meltzer of Pennsylvania to the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission. Page H4804

Presidential Message—Nuclear Regulatory Commission: Message wherein he transmitted the annual report of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for fiscal year 1997—referred to the Committee on Commerce. Page H4804

National Commission on Terrorism: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of the Honorable Jane Harman of Torrance, California and Mr. Salam Al-Marayati of Shadow Hills, California to the Commission on Terrorism. Page H4806

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H4587.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4823–27.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4747–48, H4782–83, H4783, and H4784–85. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WTO MINISTERIAL

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on the Administration's preparation for the 1999 World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the DC Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Mayor; Linda Cropp, Chairman, Council; and

Valerie Holt, Chief Financial Officer; Alice Rivlin, Chairman, D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; and a public witness.

SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION (SAFE) ACT

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act.

AMERICA'S HEALTH

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment continued hearings on America's Health, focusing on Protecting Patients with a Strong Appeals Process. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WORKFORCE PRESERVATION ACT; REWARDING PERFORMANCE IN COMPENSATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 987, Workforce Preservation Act; and H.R. 1381, amended, Rewarding Performance in Compensation Act.

IS MEXICO A SAFE HAVEN FOR KILLERS?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on Getting Away With Murder, Is Mexico a Safe Haven for Killers?: The Del Toro Case. Testimony was heard from Representative Miller of Florida; Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Jamison M. Borek, Deputy Legal Advisor, Department of State; and a public witness.

YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 1599, Year 2000 Compliance Assistance Act. Testimony was heard from Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; Frank P. Pugliese, Commissioner, Federal Supply Service, GSA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations held an oversight hearing on Combating Terrorism: Role of the National Guard Response Teams. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Gebicke, Director, National Security Preparedness Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles Cragin, Acting Assistant Secretary,

Reserve Affairs; Maj. Gen. Roger Shultz, USA, Director, Army National Guard; and Brig. Gen. Bruce Lawlor, USA, Deputy Director, Military Support, Director, Consequence Management Program Integration Office, National Guard; and Maj. Gen. John H. Finimore V, USAF, Adjutant General, National Guard, State of New York.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1152, Silk Road Strategy Act of 1999; and H.R. 1794, amended, concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO).

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1691, amended, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999; H.R. 1218, Child Custody Protection Act; and H.R. 2014, to prohibit a State from imposing a discriminatory commuter tax on nonresidents.

WARNER CREEK TIMBER SALE

Committee on Resources: Task Force on Warner Creek Timber Sale and Related Matters met in executive session to discuss the Warner Creek Timber Sale and related matters.

COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET PROCESS REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 853, Comprehensive Budget Process Reform Act of 1999.

VETERANS ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1568, Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1568. Testimony was heard from Betsy Myers, Associate Administrator, Entrepreneurial Development and Director of Small Business Welfare to Work, SBA; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2280, amended, Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 1999; and H.J. Res. 34, congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

REDUCING THE TAX BURDEN

Committee on Ways and Means: Concluded hearings on Reducing the Tax Burden: II, Providing Tax Relief

to Strengthen the Family and Sustain a Strong Economy. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rangel, Weller, Hulshof, Clement, Danner, Graham, McIntosh, Turner, Baird and Crowley; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings on agricultural trade issues, focusing on agriculture's role in the World Trade Organization negotiations with China, and the European Union regulation of genetically modified agriculture products, 9:30 a.m., SR 328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Export Administration Act, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings to examine the implications of the proposed acquisition of the Atlantic Richfield Company by BP Amoco, PLC, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on NOx/State Implementation Plans, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to mark up the proposed Medicare Subvention Demonstration for Veterans Act, to create a three year program that will allow veterans who are eligible for Medicare to receive their health care at a Veterans Affairs (VA) facility, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nomination of Richard C. Holbrooke, of New York, to be the Representative of the United States to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine U.S. satellite controls and the domestic production/launch capability, 2:45 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings on H.R. 974, to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in-State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia; and S. 856, to provide greater options for District of Columbia students in higher education, 11 a.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 467, to restate and improve section 7A of the Clayton Act; S. 768, to establish court-martial jurisdiction over civilians serving with the Armed Forces during contingency operations, and to establish Federal jurisdiction over crimes committed outside the United States by former members of the Armed Forces and civilians accompanying the Armed Forces outside the United States; and H.R. 441, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of nonimmigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas, and pending nominations, 11 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing to review H.R. 1402, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to implement the Class I milk price structure known as Option 1-A as part of the implementation of the final rule to consolidate Federal milk marketing orders, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the security problems at the U.S. Department of Energy, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on a Study Released by The Counterparty Risk Management Policy Group, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Deployment of Data Services, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Examining the Bilingual Education Act, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: resolutions to Grant Immunity to Maria Mapili,

Reynaldo Mapili and Charles T. Chiang; and H.R. 1327, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 34480 Highway 101 South in Cloverdale, Oregon, as the "Maureen B. Neuberger United States Post Office;" followed by a hearing on Retaliation at the Departments of Defense and Energy: Do Advocates of Tighter Security for U.S. Technology Face Intimidation? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on franchising: the franchise relationship, mutual rights and obligations of franchisees and franchisors, and assessing the need for more regulation, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 2260, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on the Report of the U.S. Copyright Office on Copyright and Digital Distance Education; and Intellectual Property Security Registration, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on the United States Secret Service, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to mark up H.R. 1487, National Monument NEPA Compliance Act; and to hold an oversight hearing on Noxious Weeds and Invasive Plants, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on the Role of the Power Marketing Administration's in a Restructured Electric Industry, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1802, Foster Care Independence Act of 1999, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Federal Agencies Under Attack: Why Are Government Websites Vulnerable? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to mark up H.R. 413, PRIME Act; followed by a hearing on proposed amendments to the 7(a) and 504 Loan Programs, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearing on "Do Unilateral Economic Trade Sanctions Unfairly Penalize Small Business?" 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the effectiveness of federal grants to community based organizations with regard to homeless veterans, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to hold a briefing on World Developments: A Global Update, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1233, Agricultural Appropriations.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.J. Res. 33, proposing an amendment to the Constitution authorizing the Congress to prohibit the desecration of the flag (structured rule; two hours of general debate); and Consideration of H.R. 1658, Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act (modified open rule, one hour of general debate).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

Baker, Richard H., La., E1380
 Barr, Bob, Ga., E1381
 Chambliss, Saxby, Ga., E1370
 Clay, William (Bill), Mo., E1379
 Clayton, Eva M., N.C., E1366
 Combest, Larry, Tex., E1380
 Costello, Jerry F., Ill., E1380
 Cummings, Elijah E., Md., E1376
 Deutsch, Peter, Fla., E1382
 Dunn, Jennifer, Wash., E1369
 Emerson, Jo Ann, Mo., E1375
 Foley, Mark, Fla., E1381
 Gejdenson, Sam, Conn., E1365, E1368, E1371
 Hayworth, J.D., Ariz., E1383

Houghton, Amo, N.Y., E1372
 Johnson, Eddie Bernice, Tex., E1370
 Johnson, Sam, Tex., E1379
 Kolbe, Jim, Ariz., E1379
 Kucinich, Dennis J., Ohio, E1363, E1367
 Lampson, Nick, Tex., E1366
 Lantos, Tom, Calif., E1374
 Lipinski, William O., Ill., E1376
 Lucas, Ken, Ky., E1372
 McDermott, Jim, Wash., E1364
 McInnis, Scott, Colo., E1366, E1369, E1372
 Maloney, Carolyn B., N.Y., E1364, E1367
 Martinez, Matthew G., Calif., E1379
 Morella, Constance A., Md., E1372
 Murtha, John P., Pa., E1377
 Neal, Richard E., Mass., E1382

Oberstar, James L., Minn., E1383
 Packard, Ron, Calif., E1380
 Pastor, Ed, Ariz., E1370
 Pelosi, Nancy, Calif., E1378
 Rangel, Charles B., N.Y., E1373
 Rush, Bobby L., Ill., E1382
 Sanchez, Loretta, Calif., E1378
 Sawyer, Tom, Ohio, E1373
 Schaffer, Bob, Colo., E1364, E1368, E1371, E1373
 Shimkus, John, Ill., E1366, E1369
 Spence, Floyd, S.C., E1371
 Stabenow, Debbie, Mich., E1377, E1381
 Stark, Fortney Pete, Calif., E1375
 Udall, Mark, Colo., E1370
 Velázquez, Nydia M., N.Y., E1366, E1369
 Vento, Bruce F., Minn., E1363



Congressional Record

The public proceedings of each House of Congress, as reported by the Official Reporters thereof, are printed pursuant to directions of the Joint Committee on Printing as authorized by appropriate provisions of Title 44, United States Code, and published for each day that one or both Houses are in session, excepting very infrequent instances when two or more unusually small consecutive issues are printed at one time. ¶Public access to the Congressional Record is available online through *GPO Access*, a service of the Government Printing Office, free of charge to the user. The online database is updated each day the Congressional Record is published. The database includes both text and graphics from the beginning of the 103d Congress, 2d session (January 1994) forward. It is available on the Wide Area Information Server (WAIS) through the Internet and via asynchronous dial-in. Internet users can access the database by using the World Wide Web; the Superintendent of Documents home page address is http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs, by using local WAIS client software or by telnet to swais.access.gpo.gov, then login as guest (no password required). Dial-in users should use communications software and modem to call (202) 512-1661; type swais, then login as guest (no password required). For general information about *GPO Access*, contact the *GPO Access* User Support Team by sending Internet e-mail to gpoaccess@gpo.gov, or a fax to (202) 512-1262; or by calling Toll Free 1-888-293-6498 or (202) 512-1530 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. ¶The Congressional Record paper and 24x microfiche will be furnished by mail to subscribers, free of postage, at the following prices: paper edition, \$165.00 for six months, \$325.00 per year, or purchased for \$2.75 per issue, payable in advance; microfiche edition, \$141.00 per year, or purchased for \$1.50 per issue payable in advance. The semimonthly Congressional Record Index may be purchased for the same per issue prices. Mail orders to: Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954, or phone orders to (202) 512-1800, or fax to (202) 512-2250. Remit check or money order, made payable to the Superintendent of Documents, or use VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or GPO Deposit Account. ¶Following each session of Congress, the daily Congressional Record is revised, printed, permanently bound and sold by the Superintendent of Documents in individual parts or by sets. ¶With the exception of copyrighted articles, there are no restrictions on the republication of material from the Congressional Record.