

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Interior and Foreign Operations Appropriations bills.

Senate passed Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7083–S7172

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2883–2887, and S. Res. 338. **Page S7160**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled “Government Performance Results Act of 1993.” (S. Rept. No. 106–347)

S. 2705, to provide for the training of individuals, during a Presidential transition, who the President intends to appoint to certain key positions, to provide for a study and report on improving the financial disclosure process for certain Presidential nominees. (S. Rept. No.106–348)

H.R. 4733, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7159–60**

Measures Passed:

Death of Senator Coverdell: Senate agreed to S. Res. 338, relative to the death of the Honorable Paul Coverdell, a Senator from the State of Georgia. **Page S7168**

Interior Appropriations: By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 211), Senate passed H.R. 4578, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7083, S7085–S7103**

Adopted:

Reed Modified Amendment No. 3798, to increase funding for weatherization assistance grants, with an offset. **Pages S7083, S7085–86**

Gorton (for Grassley) Amendment No. 3910, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a land exchange with Dubuque Barge & Fleeting Services, Inc., of Dubuque, Iowa. **Page S7086**

Gorton Amendment No. 3911, to provide additional funds for construction, improvements, repair or replacement of physical facilities, including the

modifications authorized by section 104 of the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989. **Page S7086**

Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 3811, to provide funding for maintenance of a Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve, with an offset. **Pages S7083, S7088**

Reid (for Bingaman) Modified Amendment No. 3887, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the protection of Indian program monies from judgment fund claims. **Pages S7083, S7088–89**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 209), Gorton (for Bond) Amendment No. 3886 (to Amendment No. 3885), to prohibit use of funds for application of unapproved pesticides in certain areas that may be used by children. **Pages S7083, S7089–90**

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 3885, to provide that none of the funds appropriated under this Act may be used for the preventive application of a pesticide containing a known or probable carcinogen, a category I or II acute nerve toxin or a pesticide of the organophosphate, carbamate, or organochlorine class as identified by the Environmental Protection Agency in National Parks in any area where children may be present. **Pages S7083, S7093**

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 207), Bryan/Fitzgerald Amendment No. 3883, to reduce the Forest Service timber sale budget by \$30,000,000 and increase the wildland fire management budget by \$15,000,000. **Pages S7083, S7086–87**

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 208), Nickles Amendment No. 3884, to defend the Constitutional system of checks and balances between the Legislative and Executive branches. **Pages S7083, S7087–88**

By 41 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 210), Boxer Amendment No. 3912 (to Amendment No. 3885, as amended), to provide that none of the funds appropriated under this Act may be used for the preventive application of a pesticide containing a known or probable carcinogen, a category I or II acute nerve toxin or a pesticide of the organophosphate, carbamate, or organochlorine class as identified by the Environmental Protection Agency in National Parks in

any area where children and pregnant women may be present. **Pages S7090–93**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Gorton, Stevens, Cochran, Domenici, Burns, Bennett, Gregg, Campbell, Byrd, Leahy, Hollings, Reid, Dorgan, Kohl, and Feinstein. **Page S7102**

Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation Act: By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 215), Senate passed H.R. 4810, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7103–09**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 212), Burns Amendment No. 3874, to repeal the modification of the installment method. **Page S7103**

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 214), Nickles (for Lott) Amendment No. 3881, to provide a substitute. **Pages S7103, S7104**

Rejected:

By 20 yeas to 79 nays (Vote No. 213), Reid (for Hollings) Amendment No. 3875, to pay down the debt by striking the tax cuts. **Pages S7103–04**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Roth, Lott, and Moynihan. **Page S7109**

Foreign Operations Appropriations: Senate passed H.R. 4811, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2522, Senate companion measure, as amended. **Pages S7121–42**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: McConnell, Specter, Gregg, Shelby, Bennett, Campbell, Bond, Stevens, Leahy, Inouye, Lautenberg, Harkin, Mikulski, Murray, and Byrd. **Page S7142**

Subsequently, S. 2522 was indefinitely postponed. **Page S7142**

Agriculture Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 4461, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2536, Senate companion measure (with a modified Division B). **Pages S7143–45**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, July 19, 2000. **Page S7169**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the national emergency with respect to the Taliban in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–120) **Page S7152**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Seymour Martin Lipset, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2003. (Reappointment)

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Marine Corps. **Pages S7169–72**

Messages From the President: **Page S7152**

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Measures Referred: **Page S7152**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S7151–52**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S7168**

Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—215)

Pages S7087–88, S7090, S7093, S7102–04, S7109

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Coverdell, in accordance with S. Res. 338, adjourned at 7:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7169.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. AGRICULTURE EXPORT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness concluded hearings to examine the benefits of current U.S. agricultural export and market development programs designed to improve long-term trade opportunities, increase exports, help relieve hunger abroad, and help American farmers and ranchers earn an adequate income, as well as the future of these programs and ways that they can be made more effective, after receiving testimony from Timothy J. Galvin, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, both of Department of Agriculture; Hugh Parmer, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Humanitarian Response,

Agency for International Development; Otis Molz, CoBank, Deerfield, Kansas; John J. Cavanaugh, Summit Limited, Omaha, Nebraska; Ellen S. Levinson, Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Coalition for Food Aid; Bruce Hammes, Stephen, Minnesota, on behalf of the Wheat Export Trade Education Committee, U.S. Wheat Associates, and the National Association of Wheat Growers; Marc Curtis, American Soybean Association, Leland, Mississippi; Roger Pine, Lawrence, Kansas, on behalf of the National Corn Growers Association; and Bill Griffith, Boliver County, Mississippi, on behalf of the Mississippi Farm Bureau and American Farm Bureau.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 4733, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, with amendments; and

H.R. 4690, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, with amendments.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation held hearings on S. 2733, to provide for the preservation of assisted housing for low income elderly persons, disabled persons, and other families, after receiving testimony from Representatives Lazio and LaFalce; William Apgar, Assistant Secretary for Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Mary Jane O'Gara, Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of the American Association of Retired Persons; Laverne R. Joseph, Retirement Housing Foundation, Long Beach, California, on behalf of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging; Michelle H. Norris, National Church Residences, Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the National Affordable Housing Management Association; Edward L. Shapoff, Goldman, Sachs and Company, New York, New York, on behalf of the Healthcare Financing Study Group; Ronell Guy, Northside Coalition for Fair Housing, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and David A. Smith, Recapitalization Advisors, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine the National Assessment Report on climate change impacts on the United States, and the ocean's role in climate, receiving testimony from Thomas R. Karl, Director, National Climatic Data Center, National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Anthony C. Janetos, World Resources Institute, Washington, D.C.; Raymond W.

Schmitt, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts; and S. Fred Singer, University of Virginia, Fairfax, former Director, U.S. Weather Satellite Service, on behalf of the Science and Environmental Policy Project.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

RISING OIL PRICES

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight held hearings on the nation's growing reliance on foreign oil and the need to find ways in which we can reduce that reliance, and a related proposal to allow small, farmer-owned cooperatives to access the full benefits of the small ethanol producer tax credit, receiving testimony from Senator Grams; Arizona State Representative Jeff Groscost, Phoenix; Richard R. Kolodziej, Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition, Michelle Robinson, Union of Concerned Scientists, Alexandra Shultz, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Red Cavaney, American Petroleum Institute, and J. Andrew Hoerner, Center for a Sustainable Economy, all of Washington, D.C.; William L. Ball, Strategic Planning for General Motor's Advanced Technology Vehicles, Detroit, Michigan, on behalf of the Electric Vehicle Association of the Americas; Beverly Miller, Salt Lake Clean Cities Coalition, Salt Lake City, Utah; A. Shawn Noonan, Vastar Resources, Inc., Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Domestic Petroleum Council Tax Committee; and John Swords, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

PERMANENT CHINA TRADE RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine national security and diplomatic implications of granting Permanent Normal Trade Relations status to communist China, receiving testimony from Joseph Bosco, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Bates Gill, Brookings Institution Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies, and Elliott Abrams, Ethics and Public Policy Center, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on the factors driving prescription drug expenditure increases, after receiving testimony from Stanley S. Wallack, Brandeis University Schneider Institute for Health Policy, Waltham, Massachusetts; Robert W. Dubois, Protocare Sciences, Santa Monica, California; Judith H. Bello, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, Washington, D.C.; John D. Golenski, RxHealth Value, Berkeley, California; Carlos R. Ortiz, CVS Pharmacy, Inc., Woonsocket, Rhode Island; Elizabeth Helms, Sacramento, California, on behalf of the International Patient Advocacy Association; and Betty Dizik, Tamarik, Florida,

on behalf of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1902, to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act regarding certain persons and

records of the Japanese Imperial Army in a manner that does not impair any investigation or prosecution conducted by the Department of Justice or certain intelligence matters, with amendments; and

S. 2089, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to modify procedures relating to orders for surveillance and searches for foreign intelligence purposes, with amendments.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4868–4870, 4872–4883, and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 105–106 and H. Con. Res. 373–376, were introduced.

Pages H6469–70

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

Supplemental report on H.R. 3485, to modify the enforcement of certain anti-terrorism judgments (H. Rept. 106–733, Pt. 2);

H.J. Res. 103, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the People's Republic of China, amended (H. Rept. 106–755);

H.R. 4871, 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, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–756);

H. Res. 554, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4576, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–757);

H. Res. 555, providing for consideration of H.R. 4118, to prohibit the rescheduling or forgiveness of any outstanding bilateral debt owed to the United States by the Government of the Russian Federation until the President certifies to the Congress that the Government of the Russian Federation has ceased all its operations at, removed all personnel from, and permanently closed the intelligence facility at Lourdes, Cuba (H. Rept. 106–758);

H. Res. 556, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 106–759); and;

H. Res. 557, providing for consideration of H.R. 1102, to provide for pension reform (H. Rept. 106–760).

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

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Glenn Warner of Ashtabula, Ohio.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Unsolicited Commercial Electronics Mail: H.R. 3113, amended, to protect individuals, families, and Internet service providers from unsolicited and unwanted electronic mail (passed by a ye and nay vote of 427 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 406);

Pages H6369–74, H6424

International Patient Act: H.R. 2961, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize a 3-year pilot program under which the Attorney General may extend the period for voluntary departure in the case of certain nonimmigrant aliens who require medical treatment in the United States and were admitted under the Visa Waiver Pilot Program;

Pages H6377–80

Right-To-Know National Payroll Act: H.R. 1264, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that each employer show on the W–2 form of each employee the employer's share of taxes for old-age, survivors, and disability insurance and for hospital insurance for the employee as well as the total amount of such taxes for such employee;

Pages H6380–82

Alfred Rascon Post Office Building in Fulton, Maryland: H.R. 4430, amended, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11831 Scaggsville Road in Fulton, Maryland, as the "Alfred Rascon Post Office Building." Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H6382–84

Matthew 'Mack' Robinson Post Office Building in Pasadena, California: H.R. 4157, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Lincoln Avenue in Pasadena, California, as the "Matthew 'Mack' Robinson Post Office Building";

Pages H6384–86

Alan B. Shepard, Jr. Post Office Building in Derry, New Hampshire: H.R. 4517, to designate

the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 24 Tsienneto Road in Derry, New Hampshire, as the “Alan B. Shepard, Jr. Post Office Building” (passed by a ye and nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 407);

Pages H6386–87, H6424–25

Joseph F. Smith Post Office Building in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: H.R. 4554, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1602 Frankford Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “Joseph F. Smith Post Office Building”;

Pages H6387–89

Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000: H.R. 2909, amended, to provide for implementation by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption; and

Pages H6389–99

Debt Relief Reconciliation Act: H.R. 4866, amended, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(b)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 to reduce the public debt and to decrease the statutory limit on the public debt (passed by a ye and nay vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 409).

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Suspension Proceedings Postponed—Drug Addiction Treatment: The House completed debate on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2634, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to registration requirements for practitioners who dispense narcotic drugs in schedule IV or V for maintenance treatment or detoxification treatment. The Chair postponed further proceedings until Wednesday, July 19.

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Extension of Trade Waiver Authority to China: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 103, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the People’s Republic of China by a ye and nay vote of 147 yeas to 281 nays, Roll No. 405.

Pages H6399–H6424

Marriage Tax Penalty Elimination Reconciliation: The House disagreed with the Senate amendments to H.R. 4810, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Archer and Representatives Arney and Rangel.

Pages H6434–37

Rejected the Cardin motion to instruct conferees to the maximum extent possible within the scope of conference to maximize the amount of marriage penalty relief provided to middle and low income taxpayers, to minimize the additional marriage bonuses provided to taxpayers already receiving marriage bonuses under current law, and to resolve the differences in effective dates and phase-in amounts in a way which takes into account fiscal responsibility by a ye and nay vote of 203 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 408.

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Agreed to H. Res. 553, the rule that provided for consideration of the motion to go to conference on

the Senate amendments to the bill. Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 550 was laid on the table.

Pages H6432–34

Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Taliban: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Taliban (Afghanistan)—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–268).

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Amendments: Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on page H6471.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6423, H6424, H6424–25, H6436–37, and H6437–38. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:07 p.m..

Committee Meetings

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported a measure (H.R. 4871) 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, 2001.

MEDICAID PROVIDER ENROLLMENT: ASSESSING STATE EFFORTS TO PREVENT FRAUD

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on “Medicaid Provider Enrollment: Assessing State Efforts to Prevent Fraud.” Testimony was heard from Thomas T. Kubic, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigations Division, FBI, Department of Justice; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health, GAO; the following officials of the State of California: Kathleen Connell, Controller; and Alan Cates, Chief, Medicaid Fraud Bureau; Ruben King-Shaw, Executive Director, Agency for Health Care Administration, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

MERCURY IN MEDICINE—ARE WE TAKING UNNECESSARY RISKS?

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “Mercury in Medicine—Are We Taking Unnecessary Risks?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Ramona Provato, Director, and Michael Firestone, Science Director, both with the Office of Children’s Health Protection; and William Egan, Acting Office Director, Office of Vaccine Research and Review, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Roger H.

Bernier, M.D., Associate Director, Science at the National Immunization Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Marie Bristol-Power, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—GAO

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held an oversight hearing on "The U.S. General Accounting Office." Testimony was heard from David Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; the following former Comptroller Generals: Elmer Staats and Charles Bowsher; and a public witness.

INTERNET LEGISLATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1686, Internet Freedom Act; and H.R. 1685, Internet Growth and Development Act of 1999, Part 2. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tauzin and Eshoo; William Kennard, Chairman, FCC; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action H.R. 4700, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture District Compact.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 4700 and H.R. 1293, Transportation Employee Fair Taxation Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baird and McCarthy of Missouri; Audrey Langworthy, member Senate, State of Kansas; and public witnesses.

LOWER DELAWARE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT; STEENS MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2317, Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and H.R. 4828, Steens Mountain Wilderness Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Senators Smith of Oregon and Wyden; Representatives Walden of Oregon, Blumenauer and Greenwood; from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Molly McUsic, Counselor to the Secretary; and Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service; Ronald M. Sworen, Mayor, Frenchtown Borough, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN TRUST AND COOPERATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule, providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 4118, Russian-American Trust and Cooperation Act of 2000. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule makes in order an amendment in

the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record, if offered by Representative Gejdenson or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman.

COMPREHENSIVE RETIREMENT SECURITY AND PENSION REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing one hour of debate on H.R. 1102, to provide for pension reform, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill, the text of H.R. 4843 as reported by the Committee on Ways and Means shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Gutknecht, Rangel and Sanders.

CONFERENCE REPORT—DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4576, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of California and Murtha.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported on the legislative day of July 19, 2000, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany H.R. 4810, the Marriage Tax Penalty Elimination Reconciliation Act of 2000.

LINEAR NO-THRESHOLD MODEL OF LOW-DOSE RADIATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Reexamining the Scientific Basis for the Linear No-Threshold Model of Low-Dose Radiation. Testimony was heard from Gary L. Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

FINANCING COMMERCIAL SPACE VENTURES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Financing Commercial Space Ventures. Testimony was heard from Marcia S. Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecom Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

GRADE-CROSSING WHISTLE BAN LAW IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held a hearing on the Implementation of the Federal Railroad Administration Grade-Crossing Whistle Ban Law. Testimony was heard from Speaker Hastert; Representatives Hyde, Biggert, Kucinich, Crane, Rush, and Gutknecht; Jack Wells, Deputy Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Thomas J. Coyne, Mayor, Brook Park, Ohio; Robert Blomquist, Mayor, Olmstead Falls, Ohio; Rita Mullins, Mayor, Palatine, Illinois; Judith Rice, Commissioner, Department of Transportation, Chicago, Illinois; Richard Mathias, Chairman, Commerce Commission, Illinois; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 4850, Veterans Benefits Act of 2000; and H.R. 4864, Veterans Claims Assistance Act of 2000.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings on adapting a 1930's financial reporting model to the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on the nomination of Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the National Science Foundation, focusing on current research activities, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold oversight hearings on the status of the Biological Opinions of the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the operations of the Federal hydro-power system of the Columbia River, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold oversight hearings on the Fish and Wildlife Services's administration of the Federal Aid Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine giving permanent normal trade relations status to Communist China, focusing on human rights, labor, trade and economic implications, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on certain legislative proposals and issues relevant to the operations of Inspectors General, including S. 870, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to increase the efficiency and accountability of Offices of Inspector General within Federal departments, and an Administrative proposal to grant statutory law enforcement authority to 23 Inspectors General, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 5 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings on activities of the National Indian Gaming Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to continue hearings to review federal farm policy, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on military capabilities of the People's Republic of China, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4096, Bureau of Engraving and Printing Security Printing Amendments Act of 2000; and H.R. 4818, International Monetary Stability Act of 2000, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Natural Resources and the Environment Task Force, hearing on Fire Safety Failures of the Park Service: Caretaker of the Nation's Treasures Ineffective in Addressing Hazards, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Task Force on Welfare, hearing on Food Stamp Fraud: Why Trafficking Persists and What Can Be Done About It, 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on "BBA '97: A Look at the Current Impact on Providers and Patients," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on A Review of the FCC's Spectrum Policies for the 21st Century, including H.R. 4758, Spectrum Resource Assurance Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to mark up H.R. 4747,

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Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following measures: H.J.Res. 72, granting the consent of the Congress to the Red River Boundary Compact; H.R. 4700, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture District Compact; H.R. 2987, Methamphetamine Anti-Proliferation Act of 1999; H.R. 1349, Federal Prisoner Health Care Copayment Act of 1999; H.R. 4640, DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000; H.R. 2883, Adopted Orphans Citizenship Act; H.R. 238, to amend section 274 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to impose mandatory minimum sentences, and increase certain sentences, for bringing in and harboring certain aliens act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide enhanced penalties for persons committing such offenses while armed; and H.R. 2558, Prison Industries Reform Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following: a resolution and report containing statements of fact (1) reporting to the House of Representatives Contempt of Congress by the Project on Government Oversight, Ms. Danielle Brian Stockton, Mr. Keith Rutter, Mr. Henry M. Banta, and Mr. Robert A. Berman arising from refusals to comply with subpoenas duces tecum issued by the Committee on Resources and (2) reporting to the House of Representatives Contempt of Congress by Mr. Robert A. Berman, Mr. Keith Rutter, Ms. Danielle Brian Stockton, and Mr. Henry M. Banta arising from refusals to answer pertinent questions while testifying under subpoena before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources; motion regarding Transfer of Committee Records; S. 624, Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System Act of 1999; S. 1288, Community Forest Restoration Act; H.R. 1814, to provide incentives for Indian tribes to collect and pay lawfully imposed State sales taxes on goods sold on tribal lands and to provide for penalties against Indian tribes that do not collect and pay such

State sales taxes; S. 1937, to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for sales of electricity by the Bonneville Power Administration to joint operating entities; H.R. 2674, Palmetto Bend Conveyance Act; H.R. 3033, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of Biscayne National Park in the State of Florida; H.R. 3112, Colorado Ute Settlement Act Amendments of 1999; H.R. 3241, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to recalculate the franchise fee owed by Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., a concessioner providing service to Fort Sumter National Monument in South Carolina; H.R. 3745, Effigy Mounds National Monument Additions Act; H.R. 4125, to provide a grant under the urban park and recreation recovery program to assist in the development of a Millennium Cultural Cooperative Park in Youngstown, Ohio; H.R. 4275, Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000; H.R. 4320, Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000; H.R. 4340, Mineral Revenue Payments Clarification Act of 2000; H.R. 4521, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to authorize and provide funding for rehabilitation of the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park, to authorize funds for maintenance of utilities related to the Park; and H.R. 4583, to extend the authorization for the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on Encouraging Science, Math, Engineering and Technology Education in Kindergarten Through 12th Grade and H.R. 4273, National Science Education Incentive Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4441, Motor Carrier Fuel Cost Equity Act of 2000; and H.R. 4844, Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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