

Expressing Support for Family Mealtimes: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 343, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of families eating together. **Pages H6961–62**

Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations—Send to Conference: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 4578, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Young of Florida and Representatives Regula, Kolbe, Skeen, Taylor of North Carolina, Nethercutt, Wamp, Kingston, Peterson of Pennsylvania, Obey, Dicks, Murtha, Moran of Virginia, Cramer, and Hinchey. **Pages H6927–28**

Agreed to the Dicks motion to instruct conferees to insist on funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services at a level not less than the \$24,907,000 provided in the Senate amendment. **Pages H6927–28**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6797.

Amendments: Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7003–04.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6840, H6841, H6841–42, H6884, H6885, H6885–86, H6925–26, H6926, and H6926–27. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:34 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26.

Committee Meetings

U.S. GRAIN STANDARDS REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4788, United States Grain Standards Reauthorization Act of 2000.

CONDUCT OF MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Conduct of Monetary Policy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ENTERPRISES; IMPLICATION OF DEBT HELD

Committee on the Budget: Task Force on Housing and Infrastructure held a hearing on “Economic Implications of Debt Held By Government Sponsored Enterprises.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Armando Falcon, Director, Office of Federal Housing and Enterprise Oversight; and William C. Apgar, Assistant Secretary, Housing, Federal Highway Commissioner and Designee to the Federal Housing Finance Board; Thomas J. McCool, Direc-

tor, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, GAO; Barbara Miles, Specialist in Financial Institutions, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—HIGH DEFINITION TELEVISION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held an oversight hearing on High Definition Television (HDTV) and related matters. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFRAUDING MEDICARE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held a hearing on “Defrauding Medicare: How easy is it and what can we do to stop it?” Testimony was heard from Senator Collins; Robert H. Hast, Assistant Comptroller General, Special Investigations, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: John E. Hartwig, Deputy Inspector General, Investigations; and Penny Thompson, Director, Program Integrity, Health Care Financing Administration; John Krayniak, Deputy Attorney General, Director, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AND POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Postal Service held a hearing on “The U.S. Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service: Market Competition and Law Enforcement in Conflict?” Testimony was heard from John Nolan, Deputy Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

CONGRATULATING PEOPLE OF MEXICO; INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following resolution and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that it be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 544, congratulating the people of the United Mexican States on the success of their democratic elections held on July 2, 2000.

The Committee also held a hearing on the International Criminal Court: A Threat to American Military Personnel?—Part 1. Testimony was heard from Lawrence S. Eagleburger, former Secretary of State; and a public witness.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

RESOLUTION—SOUTH KOREA AND NORTH KOREA RECENT SUMMIT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action, as amended, H. Res. 543, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the recent

summit held by the Presidents of South Korea and North Korea.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 238, amended, 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 and to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide enhanced penalties for persons committing such offenses while armed; H.R. 2987, amended, Methamphetamine Anti-Proliferation Act of 1999; H.R. 3235, amended, the National Police Athletic League Youth Enrichment Act of 1999; and H.R. 4870, Patent Technical Corrections Act of 2000.

MINERAL RIGHTS, AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEE PAYMENTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing to examine laws, policies, practices, and operations of the Department of the Interior and Department of Energy related to payments to their employees (including federal public land oil royalty and valuation policy advisors) from outside sources, (including the Project on Government Oversight); and to examine (a) the source of funds for such payments, (b) the relationship between those managing and overseeing the organization that made the payments and the individuals who received the payments, (c) the effect of the payments on programs, policies, and positions of such departments. Testimony was heard from Mari R. Barr, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Resources, Department of the Interior; Eric J. Fygi, General Counsel, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER SALE PROGRAM

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 4656, to authorize the Forest Service to convey certain lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin to the Washoe County School District for use as an elementary school site. Testimony was heard from Representative Gibbons; and Jack Craven, Director, Lands, Forest Service, USDA.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the Once and Future National Forest Timber Sale Program. Testimony was heard from Ann M. Bartuska, Director, Forest Management, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 4942, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against reve-

nues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations, legislative provisions or re-appropriations in a general appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill, except as specified by the rule. The rule makes in order only those amendments that have been pre-printed in the Congressional Record and amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report, which shall be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Istook, Tiahrt, Davis of Virginia, Bilbray, Moran of Virginia, and Norton.

NUCLEAR ENERGY'S ROLE: IMPROVING U.S. ENERGY SECURITY AND REDUCING EMISSIONS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Nuclear's Energy Role: Improving U.S. Energy Security and Reducing Emissions. Testimony was heard from Representative Knollenberg; James J. Duderstadt, Chair, Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee to the Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation approved for full Committee action the following: GSA's Fiscal Year 2001 Courthouse Construction Program; Out of Cycle Lease-San Francisco/Oakland, California (IRS); S. 1794, to designate the Federal courthouse at 145 East Simpson Avenue in Jackson, Wyoming, as the "Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse"; and H.R. 4806, to designate the Federal building located at 1710 Alabama Avenue in Jasper, Alabama, as the "Carl Elliott Federal Building".

SHORT LINE RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held a hearing on Short Line Rail Infrastructure Needs. Testimony was heard from Jolene Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

VA PHARMACEUTICAL PROCURE POLICY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA pharmaceutical procurement policy. Testimony was heard from William Flynn, Director, Retirement and Insurance Programs, OPM; Edward A. Powell, Assistant Secretary, Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; a representative of a veterans organization; and a public witness.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS' IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4844, Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000.

BALANCED BUDGET ACT—ADDITIONAL MEDICARE REFINEMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Additional Medicare Refinements to the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Berenson, M.D., Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE—TAX TREATMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Tax Treatment of Transportation Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from Representative Oberstar; Tommy G. Thompson, Governor, State of Wisconsin and Chairman, Amtrak Reform Board, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK); Catherine L. Ross, Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental officials.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR, HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4577, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September

30, 2001, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4516, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D749)

S. 148, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds. Signed July 20, 2000. (P.L. 106–247)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to review the federal sugar program, 8:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the nomination of Donald Mancuso, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense; Roger W. Kallock, of Ohio, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Material Readiness; and James Edgar Baker, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on S. 2902, to revise the definition of advanced service, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings on Natural Gas Supply, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement implementing the October 1999 announcement by the President to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest for increased protection, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on the nomination of Robert S. LaRussa, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; the nomination of Ruth Martha Thomas, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury; the nomination of Lisa Gayle Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; and the nomination of Lisa Gayle Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 1801, to provide for the identification, collection, and review for declassification of records and materials that