

the use of the trust land and resources of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon; **Pages H7379–80**

Chiloquin Dam Fish Passage Feasibility Study: H.R. 2585, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the feasibility of providing adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish at the Chiloquin Dam on the Sprague River, Oregon; **Pages H7380–81**

Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area Study: H.R. 1776, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in west Houston, Texas; and **Pages H7382–83**

First Responder Death and Injuries at the World Trade Center and Pentagon: H. Con. Res. 233, expressing the profound sorrow of the Congress for the death and injuries suffered by first responders as they endeavored to save innocent people in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 411). **Pages H7383–87, H7390**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:46 and reconvened at 6 p.m. **Page H7387**

Order of Business—Treasury, Postal Appropriations Conference Report: Agreed that it be in order at any time to consider the conference report on H.R. 2590, 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, 2002; that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived; and that the conference report be considered as read. **Page H**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:23 p.m. and reconvened at 7:11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31. **Pages H7525, H7527**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H7397.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:12 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Committee Meetings

POSTAL SERVICE—SAFETY OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES AND MAIL

Committee on Government Reform: Held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Postal Service: The Safety of Postal Employees and the Mail. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: John E. Potter, Postmaster General; and Kenneth C. Weaver, Chief Postal Inspector, Postal Inspection Service; Mitch Cohen, M.D., Director, Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Department of Health and Human Services; James Jarboe, Section Chief,

Counterterrorism Division, Domestic Terrorism/Counterterrorism Planning Section, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT DISCHARGE EFFECTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on the Discharge Effects of the Washington Aqueduct. Testimony was heard from John Parsons, Associate Regional Director, Lands, Resources, and Planning, National Capitol Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; William T. Hogarth, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Patricia Gleason, Chief, Maryland and District of Columbia Watershed Branch, Water Protection Division, EPA; Col. Charles J. Fiala, Jr., USA, Commander and District Engineer, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

SECURE TRANSPORTATION FOR AMERICA ACT

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Chairman Young of Alaska and Representatives Mica, LaTourette, Castle, Smith of Michigan, Ganske, Oberstar, Lipinski, Millender-McDonald, Bonior, Andrews, Jackson of Illinois, Carson, Inslee, Strickland, Udall of New Mexico, and Solis but no action was taken on H.R. 3150, Secure Transportation for America Act of 2001.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2311, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

GAO'S REPORT—VETERANS' SERVICES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the GAO's report: “Veterans’ Employment and Training Service Flexibility and Accountability Needed to Improve Service to Veterans” and the VA's implementation of the Vocational Training and Rehabilitation program under chapter 31 of Title 38. Testimony was heard from Julius Williams, Director, Rehabilitation and Employment, Department of Veterans Affairs; Charles S.

Ciccolella, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans Employment and Training, Department of Labor; Sigurd Nilsen, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Roger Madsen, Director, Department of Labor, State of Idaho; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of October 29, 2001, p. D1064)

S. 1465, to authorize the President to exercise waivers of foreign assistance restrictions with respect to Pakistan through September 30, 2003. Signed on October 27, 2001. (Public Law 107-57)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider S. 1519, to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to provide farm credit assistance for activated reservists, focusing on credit title provisions, and subcommittee assignments, 2:30 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the progress in making stem cells available to federally-funded researchers, 9 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold hearings to examine innovative financing mechanisms related to the drinking water and clean water state revolving fund, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nomination of George L. Argyros, Sr., of California, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra; the nomination of Robert M. Beecroft, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador as Head of Mission, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Bosnia and Herzegovina; the nomination of Lyons Brown, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria; the nomination of Stephan Michael Minikes, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador; the nomination of William D. Montgomery, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; the nomination of Melvin F. Sembler, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Italy; and the nomination of Ronald Weiser, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: with the Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to continue joint hearings to examine terrorism through the mail, focusing on the protection of postal workers and the public, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Select Education and the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, joint hearing on Tracking International Students in Higher Education-Policy Options and Implications for Students, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2983, Price-Anderson Reauthorization Act of 2001; and H.R. 3046, Medicare Regulatory, Appeals, Contracting, and Education Reform Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following measures: H.R. 2871, amended, Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2001; H.R. 2604, amended, to authorize the United States to participate in and contribute to the seventh replenishment of the resources of the Asia Development Fund and the fifth replenishment of the resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and to set forth additional policies of the United States towards the African Development Bank, the African Development Fund, the Asian Development Fund, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; and H.R. 556, Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on the Afghan People vs. the Taliban: the Struggle for Freedom Intensifies, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2873, Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of 2001; and H.R. 3129 Customs Border Security Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conference: closed meeting of conferees on S. 1438, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military constructions, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., SC-5, Capitol.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings on the Romanian leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on the work of the OSCE in strengthening security, preventing conflict and management crises in the OSCE region, as well as promoting respect for human rights and democratic values in the OSCE participating states under Romania's Chairmanship, 9:30 a.m., SR-385.