

Thursday, September 30, 1999

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported 19 sundry measures, including the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11663-S11755*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1669-1677, S. Res. 192-193, and S. Con. Res. 58. **Page S11726**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:  
H.R. 858, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to extend coverage under the whistleblower protection provisions of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to personnel of the courts of the District of Columbia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106-167) **Pages S11725-26**

#### Measures Passed:

**Extending Birthday Greetings to Former President Carter:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 192, extending birthday greetings and best wishes to Jimmy Carter in recognition of his 75th birthday. **Pages S11669-70**

**U.S. Code Chapter 12:** Senate passed S. 1606, to extend for 9 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11753-54**

Sessions (for Grassley) Amendment No. 1888, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11753-54**

**John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 180, reauthorizing the John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11754**

**Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 193, to reauthorize the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program. **Pages S11754-55**

**Energy Policy and Conservation Act Extension:** Senate passed H.R. 2981, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Con-

servation Act through March 31, 2000, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11755**

**Labor/HHS/Education:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1650, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S11663-66, S11681-S11719, S11721-24**

#### Adopted:

Graham Amendment No. 1821, to restore funding for social services block grants. (By 39 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 302), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S11701-11, S11715-17**

Graham Amendment No. 1886 (to Amendment No. 1821), to restore funding for social services block grants. **Pages S11704-11, S11717**

Dodd Amendment No. 1813, to increase funding for activities carried out under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990. (By 41 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 303), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S11711-14, S11716-17**

Coverdell Amendment No. 1885 (to Amendment No. 1846), to clarify provisions relating to expenditures by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration by authorizing 50 percent of the amount appropriated that is in excess of the amount appropriated for such purpose for fiscal year 1999 to be used for compliance assistance and 50 percent of such amount for enforcement and other purposes. (By 44 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 304), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S11695-S11701, S11717-18**

Enzi Amendment No. 1846, to clarify provisions relating to expenditures by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration by authorizing 50 percent of the amount appropriated that is in excess of the amount appropriated for such purpose for fiscal year 1999 to be used for compliance assistance and

50 percent of such amount for enforcement and other purposes.

Pages S11694–S11701, S11718

Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 1816, to express the sense of the Senate regarding payments under the prospective payment system for hospital out-patient department services under the medicare program.

Pages S11721–22

Rejected:

Boxer Amendment No. 1809, to increase funds for the 21st century community learning centers program. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 299), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S11663–66

Hutchinson Amendment No. 1812, to provide for a transfer of funds for the consolidated health centers.

Pages S11685–94

Hutchinson Amendment No. 1834 (to Amendment No. 1812), to provide funding for the consolidated health centers. (By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 300), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S11691–93

Reid Amendment No. 1820, to increase the appropriation for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. (By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 301), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S11682–85, S11714–15

Withdrawn:

Gregg Amendment No. 1810 (to Amendment No. 1809), to require that certain appropriated funds be used to carry out part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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Reid Amendment No. 1807, to require the Secretary of Labor to issue regulations to eliminate or minimize the significant risk of needlestick injury to health care workers.

Pages S11663, S11721

Brownback Amendment No. 1833, to establish a task force of the Senate to address the societal crisis facing America.

Pages S11722–24

A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, with an amendment to be proposed thereto, at 9 a.m., on Friday, October 1, 1999.

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**FAA Authorization—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 82, to authorize appropriations for Federal Aviation Administration, on Monday, October 4, 1999.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Arthur L. Money, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Enrolled Bills Presented:** Page S11725

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**Authority for Committees:** Page S11751

**Additional Statements:** Pages S11751–53

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—304) Pages S11666, S11693, S11715–17

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:51 p.m., until 9:00 a.m., on Friday, October 1, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11755.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### WTO AGRICULTURAL TRADE AGENDA

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to review the Administration's agriculture trade agenda for the upcoming World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle, after receiving testimony from Peter Scher, Special Trade Negotiator, Office of United States Trade Representative; August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Andrew Whisenhunt, Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Bradley, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Leland Swenson, National Farmers Union, Nicholas D. Giordano, National Pork Producers Council, Janet A. Nuzum, International Dairy Foods Association, and Allen F. Johnson, National Oilseed Processors Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Kyle Phillips, Knoxville, Iowa, on behalf of the National Corn Growers Association.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Thomas B. Leary, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Stephen D. Van Beek, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Michael J. Frazier, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, Gregory Rohde, of North Dakota, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, Linda Joan Morgan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation

Board, and lists for promotion in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the United States Coast Guard.

### MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL FAIRNESS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism concluded hearings on S. 1130, to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to liability of motor vehicle rental or leasing companies for the negligent operation of rented or leased motor vehicles, after receiving testimony from Sharon Faulkner, Premier Car Rental Company, Albany, New York; Ken Elder, Welcome Corporation, Alexandria, Virginia; Raymond T. Wagner, Jr., Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company, St. Louis, Missouri; and Larry S. Stewart, Stewart, Tilghman, Fox and Bianchi, Miami, Florida, on behalf of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

### FOREST RESOURCES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 1457, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assess opportunities to increase carbon storage on national forests derived from the public domain and to facilitate voluntary and accurate reporting of forest projects that reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations, after receiving testimony from Robert Lewis, Jr., Deputy Chief, Research and Development, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Gerald J. Gray, American Forests, Washington, D.C.; James F. Cathcart, Oregon Department of Forestry, Salem; E. Austin Short, III, Delaware Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Dover, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters; and William H. Banzhaf, Society of American Foresters, Bethesda, Maryland.

### CORRUPTION IN RUSSIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the extent of the corruption in the Russian political and economic system, and the future status of United States and Russian relations, after receiving testimony from Peter Reddaway, George Washington University Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Thomas E. Graham, Jr., Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and James O. Finckenauer, Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice, all of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.J. Res. 3, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims; and

The nominations of Robert Raben, of Florida, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Robert S. Mueller, III, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California, and John Hollingsworth Sinclair, to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont, all of the Department of Justice.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business:* On Wednesday, September 29, Committee ordered favorably reported S. 791, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women's business center program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to call.

### GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION Y2K IMPACT

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* Committee concluded hearings to examine how the Year 2000 problem may interfere with the global network of transportation systems and what steps Governments, industry, and trade associations are taking to minimize the potential impact, after receiving testimony from Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary, Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Rear Adm. George N. Naccara, Chief Information Officer, United States Coast Guard, all of the Department of Transportation; Peter Cooke, British Airways, Harmondsworth, England; David Z. Plavin, Airports Council International-North America, and Thomas Windmuller, International Air Transport Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Edward Smart, International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations, Montreal, Quebec; and Richard T. du Moulin, Marine Transport Corporation, Weehawken, New Jersey, on behalf of the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 2978–2990; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 190, were introduced. Pages H9076–77

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

H.R. 354, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide protection for certain collections of information, amended (H. Rept. 106–349, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1858, to promote electronic commerce through improved access for consumers to electronic databases, including securities market information databases, amended (H. Rept. 106–350, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1663, to designate as a national memorial the memorial being built at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California to honor recipients of the Medal of Honor, amended (H. Rept. 106–351);

H.J. Res. 65, commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, amended (H. Rept. 106–352, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1300, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to promote brownfields redevelopment, to reauthorize and reform the Superfund program, amended (H. Rept. 106–353, Pt. 1);

Conference report on H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–354);

Conference report on H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–355);

H. Res. 317, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–356); and

H. Res. 318, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–357). Pages H9075–H9173

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Darrell Darling of Santa Cruz, California. Page H9025

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Sept. 29, 1999 by yeas and nays

of 362 yeas to 52 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 461. Pages H9025, H9031–32

**Social Security Advisory Board:** Upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, the Speaker appointed Ms. Martha Keys of Virginia to the Social Security Advisory Board. Page H9029

**National Transportation Safety Board Amendments Act:** The House passed H.R. 2910, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002 by a yeas and nays vote of 420 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 462. Pages H9032–40

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. Page H9039

Agreed to the Weiner amendment that strikes section 10 dealing with doppler weather radar. Pages H9038–39

H. Res. 312, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 460. Pages H9029–31

**Unborn Victims of Violence Act:** The House passed H.R. 2436, to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder by a yeas and nays vote of 254 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 465. Pages H9044–73

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. Page H9072

Agreed to the Canady amendment that makes conforming changes to section 3 amending the Uniform Code of Military Justice, clarifies that the punishment is in lieu of that otherwise provided, and broadens the exemption for abortion-related conduct to include a surrogate decision maker who acts on behalf of the pregnant woman (agreed to by a recorded vote of 269 yeas to 158 noes, Roll No. 463). Pages H9063–64, H9071–72

Rejected the Lofgren amendment in the nature of a substitute that establishes a Federal crime for any violent or assaultive conduct against a pregnant woman that interrupts or terminates her pregnancy (rejected by a recorded vote of 201 yeas to 224 noes, Roll No. 464). Pages H9064–72

H. Res. 313, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Pages H9040–44

**Extension of Energy Conservation Programs:** The House passed H.R. 2981, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through March 31, 2000.

Pages H9073–74

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:02 p.m. and reconvened at 10:06 p.m.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:07 p.m. and reconvened at 11:36 p.m.

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H9025.

**Referrals:** S. 1051 was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9030–31, H9031–32, H9039–40, H9071–72, H9072, and H9073. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

### ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Department of Defense Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Hamre, Deputy Secretary; Gen. Anthony Zinni, USMC Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command; Gen. John Keane, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Army; Dave Oliver, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, USA, Surgeon General, Army; Lt. Col. Redmond Handy, USAF (ret.); Maj. Jeffrey Jeffords, USAF, 164th Airlift Wing, Tennessee Air National Guard; Master Sgt. William Colley, USAF, 137th Airlift Wing, Oklahoma Air National Guard; Col. Myron G. Ashcraft, USAF, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Ohio Air National Guard; Lt. (jg) Chris Rohrbach, USN, Assistant Officer in Charge, Bravo Platoon, Group 8, Little Creek, Virginia; and Gunnery Sgt. Larry Miyamoto, USMC, Chemical Biological Incident Response Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2634, amended, Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 1999; H.Res. 278, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of education, early detection and treatment, and other efforts in the fight against breast cancer; H.R. 1070, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program; H.R. 2418, amended, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Amendments of 1999; and H.R. 11, amended, to amend the Clean Air Act to permit the exclusive application of California State regulations regarding reformulated gas in certain areas within the State.

### SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES INTERNET ACCESS ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1746, Schools and Libraries Internet Access Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Weller and Tancredo; Christopher J. Wright, General Counsel, FCC; Kelly Levy, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Policy Analysis and Development, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1451, amended, to establish the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission; H. Res. 279, amended, congratulating Henry “Hank” Aaron on the 25th anniversary of breaking the Major League Baseball career home run record established by Babe Ruth and recognizing him as one of the greatest baseball players of all time; H.R. 2904, amended, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to reauthorize funding for the Office of Government Ethics; H.R. 915, amended, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges; H.R. 2885, amended, Statistical Efficiency Act of 1999; H.R. 1788, amended, Nazi Benefits Termination Act of 1999; H.R. 642, to redesignate the Federal building located at 701 South Santa Fe Avenue in Compton, California, and known as the Compton Main Post Office, as the “Mervyn Malcolm Dymally Post Office Building”; H.R. 643, to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the “Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building”; H.R.

1666, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr., Post Office"; H.R. 2307, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, as the "Thomas J. Brown Post Office Building"; H.R. 2357, to designate the United States Post Office located at 3675 Warrensville Center Road in Shaker Heights, Ohio, as the "Louise Stokes Post Office"; H.R. 1374, amended, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 680 State Highway 130 in Hamilton, New Jersey, as the "John K. Rafferty Hamilton Post Office Building"; H.R. 2302, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 307 Main Street in Johnson City, New York, as the "James W. McCabe, Sr. Post Office Building"; H.R. 2358, to designate the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office"; H.R. 2460, to designate the United States Post Office located at 125 Border Avenue West in Wiggins, Mississippi, as the "Jay Hanna 'Dizzy' Dean Post Office"; H.R. 2591, to designate the United States Post Office located at 713 Elm Street in Wakefield, Kansas, as the "William H. Avery Post Office"; and H.R. 2938, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "John Brademas Post Office".

#### GRANT WAIVERS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a joint hearing on Grant Waivers: H.R. 2376, to require executive agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a State under a grant program administered by the agency if another State has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under such program, and Streamlining the Process. Testimony was heard from Representative Green of Wisconsin; John J. Callahan, Assistant Secretary and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services; Samuel Chambers, Jr., Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### HONESTY IN SWEEPSTAKES ACT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Postal Service approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 170, Honesty in Sweepstakes Act of 1999.

#### EAST TIMOR—HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on the Humanitarian Crisis in East Timor. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Harold Hongju Koh, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; and Julia Taft, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; and public witnesses.

#### ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act. Testimony was heard from Andrew Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; Ivan K. Fong, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Pamela Meade Sargent, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Western District of Virginia; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1349, Federal Prisoner Health Care Copayment Act of 1999; and H.R. 1887, to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty. Testimony was heard from Representative Salmon; Philip S. Wise, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1520, Child Status Protection Act of 1999; H.R. 2886, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an adopted alien who is less than 18 years of age may be considered a child under such Act if adopted with or after a sibling who is a child under such Act; H.R. 2961, International Patient Act.

The Subcommittee also passed on for full Committee action two private relief bills.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1864, to standardize the process for conducting public hearings for Federal agencies within the Department of the Interior; H.R. 1866, to provide a process for the public to appeal certain decisions made by the National Park Service and by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and

H.R. 2541, to adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi. Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor of Mississippi and Underwood; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: William Shaddox, Acting Associate Director, Professional Services, National Park Service; and Juliette Falkner, Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### DAKOTA WATER RESOURCES ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on H.R. 2918, Dakota Water Resources Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Senators Conrad and Dorgan; Representative Pomeroy; Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Edward P. Schafer, Governor, State of North Dakota; and public witnesses.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1906, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2000, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Skeen.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT—TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2084, Department of Transportation and related agencies Appropriations Act 2000, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Sabo.

#### REFORMULATED GASOLINE

*Committee on Science,* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment concluded hearings on Reformulated Gasoline (Part II). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### COMPUTER SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on H.R. 2413, Computer Security Enhancement Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Raymond Kammer, Director, National Institutes of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Keith Rhodes, Director, Office of Com-

puter and Information Technology Assessment, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTERS SUSTAINABILITY ACT

*Committee on Small Business:* Ordered reported H.R. 1497, Women's Business Centers Sustainability Act of 1999.

#### FUTURE—WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held a hearing on the Future of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Testimony was heard from Senators Warner and Robb; Representatives Davis of Virginia, Moran of Virginia, Hoyer, Wynn, Pombo and Radanovich; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Peter J. Basso, Assistant Secretary, Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer; Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and Raymond J. DeCarli, Deputy Inspector General; John D. Porcari, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Maryland; the following officials of the District of Columbia: Carol Schwartz, member, Council; and Vanessa Burns, Director, Department of Public Works; and public witnesses.

#### FINANCIAL DATA QUALITY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Financial Data Quality. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: John L. Meche, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Financial and Information Technology; and Jack Basso, Chief Financial Officer; the following officials of the GSA: Eugene L. Waszily, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and William B. Early, Jr., Chief Financial Officer; and the following officials of the EPA: James O. Rauch, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and Sallyanne Harper, Chief Financial Officer.

#### VETERANS' MATTERS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Resolution Management and the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication. Testimony was heard from Carlton Hadden, Acting Director, Office of Federal Operations, EEOC; Eugene A. Brickhouse, Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## LAND USE, CONSERVATION, AND PRESERVATION—IMPACT OF TAX LAWS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Impact of Tax Laws on Land Use, Conservation, and Preservation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of Connecticut, Kanjorski, Gilchrest, Blumenauer, Pitts and Hoeffel; Leonard Burman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Analysis, Department of the Treasury; Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; D. Reid Wilson, Chief of Staff, EPA; and public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

### FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION

*Conferees* continued to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 900/H.R. 10, bills to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1050)

H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Signed September 29, 1999. (P.L. 106-57)

H.R. 2490, 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. Signed September 29, 1999. (P.L. 106-58)

S. 1637, to extend through the end of the current fiscal year certain expiring Federal Aviation Administration authorizations. Signed September 29, 1999. (P.L. 106-59)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1999

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Balanced Budget Act Refinements, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9 a.m., Friday, October 1

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 1650, Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations. Also, Senate will consider any conference reports when available.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, October 1

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1906, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations 2000 (rule waiving points of order);

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2084, Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Conference Report, 2000 (rule waiving points of order);

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2606, Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Conference Report, 2000 (rule waiving points of order); and

Go to Conference on H.R. 2466, Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000.



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