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FROM: OMB LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

DATE: JULY 21, 1998

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Social Security: The Senate Finance Committee will hold a hearing tomorrow
on

Social Security and related retirement security issues. Treasury

Secretary

Rubin, Deputy Secretary of Treasury Summers, and SSA Commissioner Kenneth

Apfel

are scheduled to testify.

Fast Track: Language to give the President fast-track authority was included

in a wide-ranging trade bill that was approved today (18-2) by the Senate Finance Committee. Committee Chairman Roth is attempting to increase the odds

of fast-track passage by rolling it into an omnibus trade bill. Senators Carol

Moseley-Braun and Kent Conrad voted against the bill, with Moseley-Braun referring to the renewal of fast-track authority as a "poison pill" that outweighed her support for an Africa trade bill.

Senator Lott has indicated that the bill could be considered in September, but

said that President Clinton needs to "put a little capital in this and do a little work" to push fast-track through the House. While Speaker Gingrich intends to consider fast-track legislation this fall, he would prefer the Senate to act first.

CONGRESS -- TODAY (7/21):

SENATE:

Passed (90-9) H.R. 4112 - Legislative Branch FY99 Appropriations Bill.

Cloture

was invoked (83-16) on the bill, effectively warding off unrelated amendments

including the Ashcroft/Brownback marriage penalty amendment. The Republican leadership supports the elimination of the tax, but are looking to do it on vehicles other than appropriations bills.

[No SAP]

Considered S. 2260 - Commerce/Justice/State FY99 Appropriations

[SAP sent 7/20: strong concerns]

The following action occurred on S. 2260:

- o Adopted (72-28) Craig amendment to require gun dealers to make safety features available for purchase

- o Tabled (61-39) Boxer amendment to require child safety locks on guns

- o Adopted (69-31) Smith amendment to prohibit the FBI from establishing taxes

- o or fees for the cost of gun purchase background checks

- o Adopted (voice) McCain amendment to roll back rates that satellite television

- o carriers pay for programming.

- o Adopted (voice) McCain amendment directing the FCC to study systems for filtering or blocking matter on the Internet.

- o Adopted (voice) Coats amendment to make it a federal crime to transfer harmful material to minors over the Internet.

HOUSE:

Began consideration of H.R. 4193 - Interior FY99 Appropriations. Rule
passed
224-191.

[SAP sent 7/21: senior advisors recommend veto]

The following action occurred on H.R. 4193:

- o Adopted (253-173) Johnson amendment to restore full funding to NEA

(after

Aderholt point of order which struck the NEA funding for lack of
authorization)

- o Failed (203-221) McGovern amendment to increase the State side program
of the

LWCF by \$30 M

- o Adopted (241-185) Sanders amendment to increase funding for BLM PILT by
\$20 M

- o Failed (212-213) Skaggs amendment to increase funding for energy
conservation

by \$40 M

- o Adopted (voice) Miller amendment to increase National Park Service
funding

for the Urban Park and Recreation Fund

- o Adopted (voice) Sanford amendment to make technical corrections to the
!&Coastal Barrier Resources System !8 maps

Began debate on H.R. 1689 - Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of
1997

[No SAP]

CONGRESS -TOMORROW (7/22):

SENATE:

The Senate will convene Wednesday at 9:30 am.

Resume consideration and attempt to complete action on S. 2260 -

Commerce/Justice/State FY99 Appropriations

[SAP sent 7/20: strong concerns]

HOUSE:

On Wednesday the House will meet at 10:00 am for legislative business.

May continue consideration of H.R. 4193 - Interior FY99 Appropriations

[SAP sent 7/21: senior advisors recommend veto]

H.J. Res. 121 - Disapproving the Extension of Nondiscriminatory Treatment

to

the Products of the People's Republic of China

[SAP pending:oppose]

Continue consideration of H.R. 4194 - VA/HUD FY99 Appropriations

[Floor SAP sent 7/16: senior advisors recommend veto]

Complete action on H.R. 1689 - Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act

of

1997

[No SAP]

CONGRESS -- THIS WEEK:

SENATE

Consideration of a managed care/HMO bill is possible late in the week,

however,

it may be held until next week July 27th(The Democrats !, version is S.

1890 and

the Republicans !, version is S.2330).

S.2307- Transportation FY99 Appropriations

[SAP pending]

CONGRESS -- THIS WEEK:

HOUSE

Thursday, July 23 and Friday, July 24

On Thursday the House will meet at 10:00 am for legislative business. On

Friday the House will meet at 9:00 am for legislative business.

H.R. 1122 - Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1997 (consideration of the
President !,s veto)

H.R. ---- Commerce-Justice-State FY99 Appropriations (subject to a rule)

[SAP pending]

H.R. 4250 Patient Protection Act (subject to a rule)

CONGRESS - THIS MONTH

SENATE

Items that the Majority Leader has indicated are candidates for floor action

before the August recess include appropriations, managed care/HMOs, and credit union legislation.

Also possible are the following:

S. 1250 - NASA authorization bill (possible)

[SAP pending: support if amended]

S. 1301 - Consumer Bankruptcy Reform bill

[SAP under development]

S. 1482 - Obscene Material on the Web

[SAP pending: strongly oppose Senate passage]

S. 1619 - Blocking Children's Access to Unsuitable Material on the Internet

[SAP pending: support if amended]

S. 442 - Internet Taxes

H.R. 1151 - Credit Union Membership bill

[SAP pending: POTUS letter sent 7/14: support]

S. 474 - Internet gambling

H.R. 3717 - Clean Needles Bill

[House SAP sent 4/28/98; strongly oppose]

H.R. 2614 - Reading Excellence Act

[SAP under development; support Senate passage if amended]

H.R. 2610 - National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1997 (ONDCP
reauthorization)

[SAP sent 11/8/97: no objection but will seek amendments]

S. 2228 - Advisory Committee Termination and Streamlining Act of 1998

[SAP pending: support Senate passage]

S. 625 - Auto Choice insurance regulation

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*** SUMMARY REPORT -- LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND RELATED BILLS ***

MEASURE: HR3503

SPONSOR: Pomeroy (D-ND)

BRIEF TITLE: Retirement Account Portability Act of 1998.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to
enhance the portability of retirement benefits, and for
other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 03/19/98

COSPONSORS: 36 (Dems: 29 Reps: 7 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means
House Education and the Workforce

RELATED BILLS: See S2239

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

06/26/98 *** Related measure (S2239) introduced in Senate. ***

*** SUMMARY REPORT -- LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND RELATED BILLS ***

MEASURE: HR3249

SPONSOR: Mica (R-FL)

BRIEF TITLE: Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to provide for the rectification of certain
retirement coverage errors affecting Federal employees,
and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 02/24/98

COSPONSORS: 14 (Dems: 5 Reps: 9 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means
House Government Reform and Oversight

RELATED BILLS: See S1710

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means extended for a

period ending not later than July 20, 1998. (CR p. H5858)

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*** SUMMARY REPORT -- LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND RELATED BILLS ***

MEASURE: HR1385

SPONSOR: McKeon (R-CA)

BRIEF TITLE: Workforce Investment Partnership Act of 1998.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment,
training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs
in the United States, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 04/17/97

COSPONSORS: 6 (Dems: 2 Reps: 4 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Rules

Senate Labor and Human Resources

House Education and the Workforce

RELATED BILLS: See S1186, HRes150

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 Conference held. (CR p. D785)

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*** SUMMARY REPORT -- LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND RELATED BILLS ***

MEASURE: S442

SPONSOR: Wyden (D-OR)

BRIEF TITLE: Internet Tax Freedom Act.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to establish a national policy against state and local government interference with interstate commerce on the Internet or interactive computer services, and to exercise congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 03/13/97

COSPONSORS: 10 (Dems: 4 Reps: 6 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation
Senate Finance

RELATED BILLS: See HR1054, HR3529, HR4105

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 Objection was heard to a LOTT, R-Miss., unanimous consent
request that the bill be referred to the FINANCE
COMMITTEE; and that if the bill has not been reported by
July 30, it be automatically discharged from the FINANCE
COMMITTEE and placed on the calendar. (CR p. S8471)

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*** SUMMARY REPORT -- LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND RELATED BILLS ***

MEASURE: HR3607

SPONSOR: Conyers (D-MI)

BRIEF TITLE: National Youth Crime Prevention Demonstration Act.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to provide grants to grassroots organizations in
certain cities to develop youth intervention models.

INTRODUCED: 03/31/98

COSPONSORS: 2 (Dems: 0 Reps: 2 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Judiciary
House Education and the Workforce

RELATED BILLS: See S2237

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

06/26/98 *** Related measure (S2237) introduced in Senate. ***

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*** SUMMARY REPORT -- LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND RELATED BILLS ***

MEASURE: HR306

SPONSOR: Slaughter (D-NY)

BRIEF TITLE: Genetic Information Nondiscrimination in Health Insurance

Act of 1997.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals and
their family members on the basis of genetic information,
or a request for genetic services.

INTRODUCED: 01/07/97

COSPONSORS: 210 (Dems: 182 Reps: 27 Ind: 1)

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means

House Commerce

House Education and the Workforce

RELATED BILLS: See S89, S1045, HR328

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 Discharge Petition No. 4, on July 17, 1998, filed by

SLAUGHTER, D-N.Y., and has been signed by the following

members: STARK, D-Calif. (CR p. H5859)

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*** SUMMARY REPORT -- LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND RELATED BILLS ***

MEASURE: HR2870

SPONSOR: Portman (R-OH)

BRIEF TITLE: Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to
facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt
reduction with developing countries with tropical forests.

INTRODUCED: 11/07/97

COSPONSORS: 44 (Dems: 20 Reps: 24 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House International Relations

House Rules

Senate Foreign Relations

RELATED BILLS: See S1758, HRes388

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 Enrolled measure signed in the Senate. (CR p. S8480)

07/17/98 Presented to the president. (CR p. H5857) (1998 WR p.
1956)

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*** SUMMARY REPORT -- LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND RELATED BILLS ***

MEASURE: HR3156

SPONSOR: Houghton (R-NY)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to present a congressional gold medal to Nelson
Rolihlahla Mandela.

INTRODUCED: 02/04/98

COSPONSORS: 292 (Dems: 196 Reps: 95 Ind: 1)

COMMITTEES: House Banking and Financial Services

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 Enrolled measure signed in the Senate. (CR p. S8480)

07/17/98 Presented to the president. (CR p. H5857)

*** SUMMARY REPORT -- LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND RELATED BILLS ***

MEASURE: HR2281

SPONSOR: Coble (R-NC)

BRIEF TITLE: WIPO Copyright Treaties Implementation Act.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend title 17, U.S. Code, to implement the
World Intellectual Property Organization Copyright Treaty
and Performances and Phonograms Treaty.

INTRODUCED: 07/29/97

COSPONSORS: 9 (Dems: 3 Reps: 6 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Judiciary
House Ways and Means
House Commerce

RELATED BILLS: See S1121

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 Committee consideration and markup session held by the
House Commerce Committee. (CR p. D785)

07/17/98 Ordered to be reported by the House Commerce Committee
amended. (CR p. D785) (1998 WR p. 1953)

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*** SUMMARY REPORT -- LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND RELATED BILLS ***

MEASURE: S1482

SPONSOR: Coats (R-IN)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend section 223 of the Communications Act of
1934 to establish a prohibition on commercial distribution
on the World Wide Web of material that is harmful to
minors, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 11/08/97

COSPONSORS: 5 (Dems: 0 Reps: 5 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation

RELATED BILLS: See HR3783

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 Objection was heard on the LOTT, R-Miss., unanimous

consent request that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill, and it be considered under the following limitations: one hour of debate equally divided on the bill; one amendment offered by DURBIN, D-Ill., regarding reviews of criminal records, 30 minutes of debate equally divided; one amendment offered by MOSELY-BRAUN, D-Ill., and DURBIN, D-Ill., relating to internet predators, 30 minutes of debate equally divided; one amendment by DODD, D-Conn., regarding blocking software, 30 minutes of debate equally divided; no other amendments will be in order to the bill; that following the expiration or yielding back of debate time, and the dispositions of the above-listed amendments, the bill will be read for a third time and the Senate will proceed to a vote on the passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate. (CR p. S8471)

MEASURE: HR1853

SPONSOR: Riggs (R-CA)

BRIEF TITLE: Carl D. Perkins Vocational-Technical Education Act
Amendments of 1997.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied
Technology Education Act.

INTRODUCED: 06/10/97

COSPONSORS: 3 (Dems: 0 Reps: 3 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: Senate Labor and Human Resources
House Education and the Workforce

RELATED BILLS: See HRes187

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 KNOLLENBERG, R-Mich., unanimous consent request that the
House disagree to the Senate amendments and agree to a
conference with the Senate. (CR p. H5843)

07/17/98 House conferees named: GOODLING, R-Pa.; MCKEON, R-Calif.;

RIGGS, R-Calif.; PETERSON, R-Pa.; JOHNSON, R-Texas; CLAY,
D-Mo.; MARTINEZ, D-Calif.; and KILDEE, D-Mich. (CR p.
H5850)

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*** SUMMARY REPORT -- LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND RELATED BILLS ***

MEASURE: S2168

SPONSOR: Bond (R-MO)

OFFICIAL TITLE: An original bill making appropriations for the Departments
of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and
for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations
and offices for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1999, and
for other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 06/12/98

COSPONSORS: 0 (Dems: 0 Reps: 0 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: Senate Appropriations

RELATED BILLS: See HR4194

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 Considered and amended by the Senate. (CR p. S8425-H8447)

07/17/98 DOMENICI, R-N.M., point of order against the WELLSTONE, D-Minn. (and MURRAY, D-Wash., and McCain, R-Ariz.), amendment no. 3199, to restore veterans tobacco-related benefits as in effect before the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, on the grounds that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, sustained. (see CR p.S8428) (Subsequently, the amendment fell) (CR p. S8425-S8447)

07/17/98 WELLSTONE, D-Minn., motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act, with respect to the WELLSTONE; MURRAY, D-Wash.; and McCain, D-Ariz., amendment, to restore veterans tobacco-related benefits as in effect before the enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, rejected by yeay-nay vote: 54-40 (60 votes required). (see CR p.S8428) (Senate Vote 210) (CR p. S8425-S8428)

07/17/98 Measure, as amended, passed Senate by voice vote. (see CR p.S8445) (CR p. S8445-S8447) (1998 WR p. 1947)

*** SUMMARY REPORT -- LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND RELATED BILLS ***

MEASURE: HR4104

SPONSOR: Kolbe (R-AZ)

OFFICIAL TITLE: An original bill making appropriations for the Treasury
Department, the U.S. Postal Service, the Executive Office
of the President, and certain independent agencies, for
the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1999, and for other
purposes.

INTRODUCED: 06/22/98

COSPONSORS: 0 (Dems: 0 Reps: 0 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Appropriations
House Rules

RELATED BILLS: See S2312, HRes485, HRes498

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar by unanimous

consent. (CR p. S8480)

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SENATE FLOOR FORECAST FOR JULY 21, 1998

SenateWatch

(FLOORWATCH 07/21/98; 98 lines)

Item Key: 1105

Lott, R-Miss., for the Senate to approve the bill last Friday.

Brownback, who wanted a debate on the so-called marriage penalty tax,
monopolized the Senate floor in an effort to raise awareness of efforts

to repeal the additional income tax some married couples pay when they file their returns. Republicans have made several efforts this year to kill the penalty through various forms of legislation.

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THE "PARTIAL-BIRTH" ABORTION VETO

House Fact Sheet

(FLOORWATCH 07/20/98; 278 lines)

Item Key: 1104

procedure would suffice to save the mother's life.

Under the legislation, anyone who performs these abortions would be subject to both fines and up to two years in prison. The bill also allows the father of the fetus, if married to the mother at the time of the abortion, and the maternal parents, if the mother is under 18 years of age, to bring civil action against the physician who performs the

procedure the physician knows will kill the fetus, and kills the fetus."

Under the legislation, anyone who performs these abortions could be subject to both fines and up to two years in prison. The bill defines

those responsible under the law, besides a physician, as any individual, physician or not, who directly performs a partial-birth abortion. The bill allows a defendant accused of an offense under the bill to seek a

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TREASURY-POSTAL APPROPRIATIONS

House Floor Summary

(FLOORWATCH 07/20/98; 331 lines)

Item Key: 1106

has authorized such disclosure or a court has ordered it.

* Section 626, which would have authorized the Treasury Department to establish scientific certification standards for explosive detection canines, and to be reimbursed for the certification of such canines used by federal agencies, and by other agencies that provide security at U.S. airports.

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V. GRANTS & REGULATIONS

House Staff Bulletin

(FLOORWATCH 07/21/98; 32 lines)

Item Key: 1112

Grants

DECREASE DRUG USE IN PRISONS -- The National Institute of Corrections, along with the Justice Department, announces the availability of funds for a nation wide program to eliminate the use of illegal drugs in prisons, July 16, pp. 38426-38428. Applications must

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III. HEARINGS & MARKUPS

House Staff Bulletin

(FLOORWATCH 07/21/98; 312 lines)

Item Key: 1110

Controlled Substances Act to conform penalties involving certain amounts of methamphetamine to penalties for violations involving cocaine; HR2070, which requires testing for serious transmissible diseases for prisoners whose bodily fluids come into contact with corrections

personnel; and HR2592, which provides private trustees the right to seek
judicial review of U.S. Trustee actions related to trustee expenses and
trustee removal, Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SEMI-ANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Humphrey-Hawkins Report

Senate Committees

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98; Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs)

Item Key: 21

FEDERAL RESERVE SEMI-ANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Humphrey-Hawkins Report

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee (Chairman D'Amato, R-N.Y.) will hold a hearing to receive the semi-annual monetary policy report prepared by the Federal Reserve Board. The report is required under provisions of the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, popularly known as the Humphrey-Hawkins Act.

July 21 10:00 am SD-106 Dirksen Bldg.

Witnesses scheduled: Alan S. Greenspan - chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System

Information verified as of 07:31pm 07/20/98

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FAST TRACK; TRADE ISSUES

Full Committee Markup

Senate Committees

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98; Finance)

Item Key: 34

FAST TRACK; TRADE ISSUES

Full Committee Markup

Senate Finance Committee (Chairman Roth, R-Del.) will mark up pending legislation.

July 21 10:00 am SD-216 Hart Bldg.

Agenda:

S - - - Renew the Generalized System of Preferences program for a period of two or three years.

S -- - Extend normal trade relations status to Mongolia on a permanent basis.

S ---- - Reduce duties on imports of certain types of wool fabric.

HR1432 - A bill to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa.

S1278 - An original bill to extend preferential treatment to certain products imported from Caribbean Basin countries.

S1269 - An original bill to establish objectives for negotiating and procedures for implementing certain trade agreements.

S - - - Extend Trade Adjustment Assistance program,

Information verified as of 07:31pm 07/20/98

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APPLYING OSHA RULES TO USPS; POST OFFICE NAMING BILLS

Subcommittee Markup

House Committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98; Government Reform & Oversight -- Subcommittee on the
Postal Service)

Item Key: 23

APPLYING OSHA RULES TO USPS; POST OFFICE NAMING BILLS * Revised *

Subcommittee Markup

Postal Service Subcommittee (Chairman McHugh, R-N.Y.) of House
Government Reform and Oversight Committee will mark up pending
legislation.

July 21 2:00 pm 2247 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR3810 - A bill to designate the U.S. Post Office located at 202 Center Street in Garwood, N.J., as the "James T. Leonard, Sr. Post Office."

HR3939 - A bill to designate the U.S. Postal Service building located at 658 63rd Street, Philadelphia, Pa., as the "Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building."

HR3999 - A bill to designate the U.S. Postal Service building located at 5209 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pa., as the "David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building."

HR4000 - A bill to designate the U.S. Postal Service building located at 400 Edgmont Avenue, Chester, Pa., as the "Thomas P. Foglietta Post Office Building."

HR4001 - A bill to designate the U.S. Postal Service building located at 2601 North 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., as the "Roxanne H. Jones Post Office Building."

HR4002 - A bill to designate the U.S. Postal Service building located at 5300 West Jefferson Street, Philadelphia, Pa., as the "Freeman Hankins Post Office Building."

HR4003 - A bill to designate the U.S. Postal Service building located at 2037 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., as the "Max Weiner Post Office Building."

HR2623 - A bill to designate the U.S. Post Office located at 16250 Highway 603 in Kiln, Miss., as the "Ray J. Favre Post Office Building."

HR3167 - A bill to designate the U.S. Post Office located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, N.Y., as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building."

HR4052 - A bill to establish designations for U.S. Postal Service

buildings located in Coconut Grove, Opa Locka, Carol City
and Miami, Fla.

HR3725 - A bill to make the Occupational Safety and Health Act of

1970 applicable to the U.S. Postal Service in the same
manner as any other employer.

Information verified as of 07:31pm 07/20/98

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CIVIL SERVICE BILLS

Subcommittee Markup

House Committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98; Government Reform & Oversight -- Subcommittee on
Civil Service)

Item Key: 35

CIVIL SERVICE BILLS * Revised *

Subcommittee Markup

Civil Service Subcommittee (Chairman Mica, R-Fla.) of House Government
Reform and Oversight Committee will mark up pending legislation.

July 21 10:30 am 2154 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR --- - A bill to allow federal agencies to use money appropriated
for salaries to help their employees pay for child care.

HR2566 - A bill to amend title 5, U.S. Code, to expand the class of
individuals under the Civil Service Retirement System
eligible to elect the option under which the deposit which
is normally required in connection with a refund previously
taken may instead be made up through an actuarially
equivalent annuity reduction.

HR2943 - A bill to amend title 5, U. S. Code, to increase the amount
of leave time available to a federal employee in any year in
connection with serving as an organ donor, and for other
purposes.

HR2526 - A bill to amend title 5, U.S. Code, to make the percentage
limitations on individual contributions to the Thrift
Savings Plan more consistent with the dollar amount
limitation on elective deferrals, and for other purposes.

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JUDICIARY BILLS

Full Committee Markup

House Committees

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98; Judiciary)

Item Key: 17

JUDICIARY BILLS

Full Committee Markup

House Judiciary Committee (Chairman Hyde, R-Ill.) will mark up pending legislation.

July 21 10:00 am 2141 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR3789 - A bill to amend title 28, U.S. Code, to enlarge federal court jurisdiction over purported class actions.

NOTE: This bill was on the agenda for July 16.

HR3898 - A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to conform penalties for violations involving certain amounts of methamphetamine to penalties for violations involving similar amounts cocaine base.

NOTE: This bill was originally on the agenda for June 23,
and later for July 16.

HR2070 - A bill to amend title 18, U.S. Code, to provide for the
mandatory testing for serious transmissible diseases of
incarcerated persons whose bodily fluids come into contact
with corrections personnel and notice to those personnel of
the results of the test, and for other purposes

NOTE: This bill was originally on the agenda for June 23,
and later for July 16.

HR2592 - A bill to amend title 11 of the U.S. Code to provide private
trustees the right to seek judicial review of U.S. trustee
actions related to trustee expenses and trustee removal.

NOTE: This bill was originally on the agenda for June 23,
and later for July 16.

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GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS: LEGISLATION WOULD APPLY OSHA STANDARDS TO POSTAL
SERVICE

Schedule highlights

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98)

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GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS: LEGISLATION WOULD APPLY OSHA STANDARDS TO POSTAL SERVICE

By CQ Staff

Legislation (HR3725) to bring the U.S. Postal Service under the regulatory authority of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will be marked up today by the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

The bill was approved last month by the House Education and the Workforce Committee.

John M. McHugh, R-N.Y., may introduce an amendment to dictate that adherence to OSHA regulations would not cause the closing of a Post Office or a reduction in services. In his amendment, McHugh also wants to ensure that putting the Postal Service under the supervision of OSHA does not become a justification for postage rates to increase.

Democrats may try again to offer amendments, ruled out of order as non-germane in the Education committee, that would extend OSHA protection to executive branch employees and to employees of states and localities.

Tomorrow, the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee also will

consider its bill (S2112) to bring the Post Office under OSHA regulations.

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GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS: FEDERAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LEGISLATION UP FOR
MARKUP

Schedule highlights

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98)

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GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS: FEDERAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LEGISLATION UP FOR
MARKUP

By CQ Staff

Legislation to allow federal employees to increase the retirement savings they invest through the Thrift Savings Plan, a tax-deferred savings plan similar to private-sector 401(k) plans, will be marked up today by a House Government Reform and Oversight panel.

The Civil Service Subcommittee will consider legislation (HR2526) that would let workers contribute up to \$10,000 per year to their

retirement plans, tossing out a salary-based limit.

Currently, the program allows employees to put up to 10 percent of their salaries aside tax-free, with the government matching 50 percent of their contributions.

The bill also would permit new federal employees to begin contributing money as soon as they begin work, erasing a requirement that a worker wait a year before participating. The bill also would allow new federal employees to transfer 401(k) savings and certain other retirement accounts into government thrift plans.

OTHER BENEFITS: The panel will mark up a draft bill that would allow federal agencies to use money appropriated for salaries to help employees pay for child care. Such benefits already are extended to military workers.

Another bill (HR2943) to be marked up by the panel would allow federal workers to take paid leave to donate organs or bone marrow. Bone marrow donors could take seven days, organ donors 30 days.

CIVIL SERVICE EXEMPTION: The subcommittee will consider a bill (HR4259) that would exempt a pair of federally owned Indian colleges from most civil service rules. The bill would allow Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute to implement five-year pilot programs during which they could establish new personnel systems. Supporters of the bill say the two colleges have

experienced significant growth in recent years but have seen employee recruiting efforts hampered by civil service regulations.

Subcommittee aides said they do not expect opposition to any of the measures scheduled for markup today.

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LAW/JUDICIARY: DRUG PENALTIES, HIV TESTING BILLS MOVE THROUGH COMMITTEE

Schedule highlights

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98)

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LAW/JUDICIARY: DRUG PENALTIES, HIV TESTING BILLS MOVE THROUGH COMMITTEE

By CQ Staff

The House Judiciary Committee today will continue marking up a bill (HR3898) to increase penalties for the manufacture or trafficking of the drug methamphetamine and will consider several other measures, including a bill (HR2070) to test prisoners for the virus that causes AIDS.

After Democrats objected during last Thursday's markup to mandatory

minimum sentences in the methamphetamine bill, Chairman Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., pulled it from consideration.

The bill would reduce the amounts of "meth" or "crank" that trigger mandatory minimum sentences. Trafficking in 50 grams, for instance, would carry a 10-year mandatory minimum sentence. The bill aligns sentencing rules for meth with those for crack cocaine. Democrats have long complained about mandatory minimums, insisting that judges should have discretion.

Last week, Maxine Waters, D-Calif., offered but withdrew an amendment that would have asked the U.S. Sentencing Commission to study the changes that the bill would make. She is expected to offer other amendments that were still being drafted late yesterday.

HIV TESTING: HR2070 would require federal prisoners to undergo testing for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), which causes AIDS, if a prison employee has reason to believe that he or she has been exposed to the virus because of contact with the prisoner's blood or bodily fluids.

The bill produced a lively debate at a Crime Subcommittee markup last month. Some lawmakers argued that all federal prisoners should be tested for HIV, while others expressed privacy concerns.

Today, Democrats may offer amendments to ensure that testing information is not used against prisoners in court. They also want to prevent involuntary testing of pretrial detainees.

LAW/JUDICIARY: BILL TO PUT MORE CLASS-ACTION LAWSUITS IN THE FEDERAL
COURTS

Schedule highlights

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98)

Item Key: 10

LAW/JUDICIARY: BILL TO PUT MORE CLASS-ACTION LAWSUITS IN THE FEDERAL
COURTS

By CQ Staff

The House Judiciary Committee today will mark up a bill (HR3789)
that would allow a class-action lawsuit to be moved from state to
federal court if any of the plaintiffs reside in different states.

No monetary threshold would apply, and Democrats warn that the
change would make almost every class-action case susceptible to a
transfer, swamping the federal courts.

Democrats may offer amendments that would exempt tobacco-related

lawsuits and gun-related complaints.

Ranking Democrat John Conyers Jr., Mich., tried in the Courts and Intellectual Property Subcommittee to get support for a substitute amendment that would have required a Judicial Conference study of the problem, but his amendment was defeated, 2-6.

BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEES: The committee also expects to mark up legislation (HR2592) that would allow private bankruptcy trustees to contest their removal from cases. Trustees oversee a debtor's fulfillment of bankruptcy obligations.

George W. Gekas, R-Pa., has been working on a compromise that may be offered as a substitute.

The office of the U.S. Trustee, a division of the Justice Department that appoints the trustees, can remove trustees if officials suspect impropriety. The bill, sponsored by Robert W. Goodlatte, R-Va., would allow bankruptcy judges to resolve disputes after a formal hearing. Supporters argue that more oversight of the trustees is needed.

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98)

Item Key: 9

TRADE: FAST-TRACK TRADING AUTHORITY BACK BEFORE SENATE FINANCE

By CQ Staff

The Senate Finance Committee today will mark up a sweeping trade bill that includes language granting the president fast-track trade authority.

Chairman William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., released details of the draft bill last week. The measure takes the first formal step toward making fast-track authority, which would allow the president to submit trade agreements to the Senate for up-or-down votes without amendment, a key issue in election campaigns.

Efforts to approve fast track last fall failed when the White House and Republicans failed to secure the votes needed for House passage.

The bill will also include a slightly altered version of a House-passed bill (HR1432) to promote trade in sub-Saharan Africa, and the text of a Senate bill (S1216) to implement an international shipbuilding trade agreement.

The bill would grant Mongolia permanent most-favored-nation trade status -- a status that will be known as "normal trade relations" today after President Clinton signs into law a bill to overhaul the Internal Revenue Service (HR2676). Language to change the trade term was attached to the final version of the IRS bill.

The bill also would reduce tariffs on some wool fabrics and extend through 2000 the Trade Adjustment Assistance program, which provides training to workers in communities where jobs are lost as a result of trade agreements.

It also includes a provision that would allow Caribbean and Central American nations covered by the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI) to export some products to the United States free of duties and quotas.

The bill would reauthorize the now-expired Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), which allows the president to extend duty-free treatment to imports from countries designated as developing nations.

Farm groups and business leaders are urging Congress to act on fast track this year, but the White House has been unenthusiastic about the prospect of moving the legislation through Congress in an election year.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., promised last month that the House would vote this year on granting the president fast-track trade negotiating authority, and said he had talked to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., about having the Senate act first to generate

momentum for the bill.

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BANKING REGULATION REVISION

Full Committee Markup

Future Senate committees

(SCHEDULE 07/29/98; Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs)

Item Key: 47

BANKING REGULATION REVISION

Full Committee Markup

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee (Chairman D'Amato, R-N.Y.) will mark up pending legislation.

July 29 10:00 am room TBA

Agenda:

S1405 - A bill to provide for improved monetary policy and regulatory reform in financial institution management and activities, to streamline financial regulatory agency

actions, to provide for improved consumer credit disclosure,
and for other purposes.

Note: This markup was originally scheduled for July 9.

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HOLOCAUST ASSETS

Future Senate committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 07/22/98; Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs)

Item Key: 46

HOLOCAUST ASSETS * Revised *

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee (Chairman D'Amato, R-N.Y.) will hold a hearing on the 1946 Washington Accords between Switzerland and various countries that dealt with the handling of assets taken from victims of the Holocaust. In the 1946 Washington Accords, the Swiss agreed to turn over approximately \$58 million in gold to the Allies, though according to captured ledger books it is estimated that the Swiss accepted at least \$289 million in gold alone from the Germans.

The Swiss haggled back and forth with Allied negotiators for six years and in the end returned only \$28 million in German assets. The hearing will consider whether or not the 1946 agreement should be reopened.

July 22 10:00 am SD-538 Dirksen Bldg.

Witnesses scheduled:

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PANEL:

Stuart Eizenstat - under secretary of State for economic affairs; Jean Zeigler - member, Swiss Parliament, author, "The Swiss, the Gold and the Dead,"; Carl McCall - comptroller, State of New York; Steve Newman - first deputy comptroller, New York City

PANEL:

Israel Singer - secretary general, World Jewish Congress;
Marvin Hier - rabbi and dean, The Simon Wiesenthal Center;
Fredy Rom - Swiss correspondent, Jewish Telegraphic Agency;
Mel Urback - World Council of Orthodox Jewish Communities;
Michael D. Hausfeld - counsel, representing the Holocaust Victims

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SOCIAL SECURITY, PENSIONS AND PERSONAL SAVINGS

Future Senate committees

(SCHEDULE 07/22/98; Finance)

Item Key: 65

SOCIAL SECURITY, PENSIONS AND PERSONAL SAVINGS

Senate Finance Committee (Chairman Roth, R-Del.) will hold the first in a series on retirement security issues, on "New Directions in Retirement Income Policy: Security, Pensions, and Personal Savings."

July 22 9:30 am SD-215 Dirksen Bldg.

Witnesses scheduled:

PANEL:

Robert E. Rubin - secretary of the Treasury; Lawrence

Summers - deputy secretary of the Treasury; Kenneth S. Apfel

- commissioner, Social Security Administration

PANEL:

Rudolph Penner - senior fellow, Urban Institute; Sylvester

Schieber - vice president, Watson Wyatt Worldwide; Paul

Yaboboski - senior research associate, Employee Benefit
Research Institute; Kenneth W. Porter - chairman, ERISA
Industry Committee

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for June 18.

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IMPACT OF SATELLITE EXPORT CONTROLS

Future Senate committees * New *

(SCHEDULE 07/29/98; Governmental Affairs --)

Item Key: 71

IMPACT OF SATELLITE EXPORT CONTROLS * New *

International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee
(Chairman Cochran, R-Miss.) of Senate Governmental Affairs Committee
will hold a hearing on the impact on industry of satellite export
controls.

July 29 10:00 am SD-342 Dirksen Bldg.

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TRACKING COSTS & BENEFITS OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Future Senate committees

(SCHEDULE 07/29/98; Governmental Affairs)

Item Key: 72

TRACKING COSTS & BENEFITS OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Thompson, R-Tenn.) will
hold a hearing on pending legislation.

July 29 10:00 am SD-342 Dirksen Bldg.

Agenda:

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S2161 - A bill to provide government-wide accounting of regulatory
costs and benefits, and for other purposes.

S1675 - A bill to establish a Congressional Office of Regulatory
Analysis.

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TELEPHONE BILLING FRAUD

Future Senate committees

(SCHEDULE 07/23/98; Governmental Affairs -- Subcommittee on
International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services)

Item Key: 73

TELEPHONE BILLING FRAUD

Permanent Investigations Subcommittee (Chairman Collins, R-Maine) of
Senate Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing examining the
emerging problem of telephone cramming or billing of unauthorized
charges on a consumer's telephone bill.

July 23 9:30 am SD-342 Dirksen Bldg.

Witnesses scheduled:

Susan Grant - vice president, public policy, National
Consumers League; Lawrence E. Strickling - deputy chief of
the common carrier bureau, Federal Communications
Commission; Eileen Harrington - associate director for
marketing practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal
Trade Commission; Roy M. Neel - president and chief
executive office, U.S. Telephone Association

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HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING

Future Senate committees

(SCHEDULE date TBA; Governmental Affairs --)

Item Key: 70

HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING

International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee
(Chairman Cochran, R-Miss.) of Senate Governmental Affairs Committee
will hold a hearing to review a report by the General Accounting Office

on high-performance computing within the federal government.

Date TBA Time TBA SD-342 Dirksen Bldg.

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for April 29.

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COMPETITION IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Future Senate committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 07/23/98; Judiciary)

Item Key: 77

COMPETITION IN THE DIGITAL AGE * Revised *

Senate Judiciary Committee (Chairman Hatch, R-Utah) will hold hearings on a range of issues involving competition in the digital age, including the committee's inquiry into Microsoft and their business practices and how the company has conducted itself before the committee.

July 23 9:30 am SD-216 Dirksen Bldg.

Agenda:

- 1) Market practices and developments in the so-called "enterprise" or back office software market
- 2) Practices and developments affecting access to, and transactions on the Internet

Witnesses scheduled:

TENTATIVE Lawrence J. Ellison - chairman and CEO, Oracle Corp., Redwood Shores, Calif.; Mitchell Kertzman - chairman of the board and CEO, Sybase Inc., Emeryville, Calif.; Jeff Papows - CEO, Lotus Corp., Cambridge, Mass.

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PUNITIVE DAMAGES AWARDS

Future Senate committees

(SCHEDULE date TBA; Judiciary)

Item Key: 78

PUNITIVE DAMAGES AWARDS

Senate Judiciary Committee (Chairman Hatch, R-Utah) will hold a hearing
on fairness in punitive damages awards.

Date TBA Time TBA SD-226 Dirksen Bldg.

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for June 24.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CIVIL RIGHTS OVERSIGHT

Future Senate committees

(SCHEDULE date TBA; Judiciary)

Item Key: 79

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CIVIL RIGHTS OVERSIGHT

Senate Judiciary Committee (Chairman Hatch, R-Utah) will hold a hearing
on Department of Justice oversight in the Civil Rights Division.

Date TBA Time TBA SD-226 Dirksen Bldg.

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for July 14.

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Future Senate committees

* Postponed *

(SCHEDULE 07/22/98; Judiciary)

Item Key: 76

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT * Postponed *

Senate Judiciary Committee (Chairman Hatch, R-Utah) will hold an
oversight hearing on the Violence Against Women Act.

July 22 9:30 am SD-226 Dirksen Bldg.

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for July 21

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AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE 07/23/98; Banking & Financial Services -- Subcommittee on
Housing and Community Opportunity)

Item Key: 89

AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT

Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee (Chairman Lazio, R-N.Y.)
of House Banking and Financial Services Committee will hold a hearing on
legislation that would reduce barriers to the production of affordable
housing, protect our Nation's senior citizens when they obtain reverse
mortgages, and enable those who receive federal housing assistance, such
as public housing or Section 8 housing, to use these funds in creative

ways to achieve homeownership. This bill contains provisions to: 1) assist self-help housing providers, such as Habitat for Humanity, in achieving their goals of helping our poor citizens move into their own homes; 2) provide increased flexibility to state and local governments to leverage federal housing funds, provided through the HOME Program, to attain higher levels of homeownership in their areas through local homeownership initiatives; 3) enhance and improve the manufactured housing industry; 4) address concerns raised by Native American groups who fear that federal bureaucratic procedures will hinder their efforts to increase homeownership on Indian lands.

July 23 9:30 am 2128 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR3899 - A bill to expand homeownership in the United States.

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REGULATION OF DERIVATIVES

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE 07/24/98; Banking & Financial Services -- Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government-Sponsored Enterprises)

Item Key: 90

REGULATION OF DERIVATIVES

House Banking and Financial Services Committee (Chairman Leach, R-Iowa)

will hold a hearing on legislation that would create a study group to bring the laws and regulations of the over-the-counter derivatives markets up to date. The Working Group on Financial Derivatives would be chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury and include the principal banking and financial market overseers. They would be asked to devise changes that would clarify, simplify and rationalize the current regulation of derivatives. Derivatives are financial instruments that derive their value from the worth of an underlying product, such as a precious metal, the interest rate of a government bond or stock index. Derivatives enable banks, corporations, mutual funds, and pension funds to mitigate risks from volatility in interest rates, commodity prices and equity values.

July 24 10:00 am 2128 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR4062 - A bill to provide for the study of derivatives regulation,
and for other purposes.

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MORTGAGE LENDING DISCLOSURE CHANGES

Joint Hearing

Future House committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 07/22/98; Banking & Financial Services -- Subcommittee on
Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit; Banking & Financial Services
-- Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity)

Item Key: 88

MORTGAGE LENDING DISCLOSURE CHANGES * Revised *

Joint Hearing

Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee (Chairman
Roukema, R-N.J.) and Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee
(Chairman Lazio, R-N.Y.) of House Banking and Financial Services
Committee will hold a joint hearing on proposed changes in the two
federal statutes that govern mortgage lending disclosure, the Real
Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) and the Truth in Lending Act
(TILA).

July 22 2:00 pm 2128 Rayburn Bldg.

Witnesses scheduled:

Edward M. Gramlich - member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Gail W. Laster - general counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development

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FEDERAL RESERVE SEMI-ANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Humphrey-Hawkins Report

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE 07/22/98; Banking & Financial Services -- Subcommittee on

Domestic and International Monetary Policy)

Item Key: 91

FEDERAL RESERVE SEMI-ANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Humphrey-Hawkins Report

Domestic and International Monetary Policy Subcommittee (Chairman Castle, R-Del.) of House Banking and Financial Services Committee will hold a hearing to receive the semi-annual monetary policy report prepared by the Federal Reserve Board. The report is required under provisions of the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, popularly known as the Humphrey-Hawkins Act.

July 22 9:30 am 2128 Rayburn Bldg.

Witnesses scheduled:

Alan Greenspan - chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for July 23.

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GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT BILLS

Full Committee Markup

Future House committees

* New *

(SCHEDULE 07/23/98; Government Reform & Oversight)

Item Key: 102

GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT BILLS * New *

Full Committee Markup

House Government Reform and Oversight Committee (Chairman Burton, R-Ind.) will hold a hearing to mark up pending legislation.

July 23 10:00 am 2154 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR4237 - A bill to amend the District of Columbia Convention Center and Sports Arena Authorization Act of 1995 to revise the revenues and activities covered under such act, and for other purposes.

HR2508 - A bill to provide for the conveyance of federal land in San Joaquin County, Calif., to the city of Tracy, Calif.

HR4243 - A bill to reduce waste, fraud and error in government programs by making improvements with respect to federal management and debt collection practices, federal payment systems and federal benefit programs, and for other purposes.

HR4244 - A bill to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S. Code 401 et seq.) to provide for measurement of the performance of the federal procurement system, to enhance

the training of the acquisition workforce, and for other purposes.

HR3725 - A bill to make the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 applicable to the U.S. Postal Service in the same manner as any other employer.

HR2526 - A bill to amend title 5, U.S. Code, to make the percentage limitations on individual contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan more consistent with the dollar amount limitation on elective deferrals, and for other purposes.

HR2566 - A bill to amend title 5, U.S. Code, to expand the class of individuals under the Civil Service Retirement System eligible to elect the option under which the deposit which is normally required in connection with a refund previously taken may instead be made up through an actuarially equivalent annuity reduction.

HR2943 - A bill to amend title 5, U. S. Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor, and for other purposes.

HR4259 - A bill to allow Haskell Indian Nations University and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute each to conduct a demonstration project to test the feasibility and desirability of new personnel management policies and procedures, and for other purposes.

HR --- - A bill to allow federal agencies to use money appropriated for salaries to help their employees pay for child care.

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IMPACT OF FEDERAL AGENCY REGULATIONS ON FAMILIES

Future House committees

* New *

(SCHEDULE 07/28/98; Government Reform & Oversight -- Subcommittee on
Government Management, Information and Technology)

Item Key: 103

IMPACT OF FEDERAL AGENCY REGULATIONS ON FAMILIES * New *

Government Management, Information and Technology Subcommittee (Chairman
Horn, R-Calif.) of House Government Reform and Oversight Committee will
hold a hearing on legislation that would direct each federal agency,
before implementing policies and regulations that may affect family
well-being, to assess such actions with respect to specified criteria.

July 28 10:00 am 2247 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR2124 - A bill to require federal agencies to assess the impact of

policies and regulations on families, and for other purposes.

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IMPACT OF REGULATIONS ON STATES AND LOCALITIES

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE 07/24/98; Government Reform & Oversight -- Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs)

Item Key: 104

IMPACT OF REGULATIONS ON STATES AND LOCALITIES

National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee (Chairman McIntosh, R-Ind.) of House Government Reform and Oversight Committee will hold a hearing on a recent executive order (No. 13083) relating to federal-state relations in the development and revision of regulations. There is concern among the states that the new order revokes previous guidelines that required the federal government to consult with states and local governments and take into account the burdens that new rules might impose, before taking final action on

regulations.

July 24 10:00 am 2154 Rayburn Bldg.

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Future House committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 07/22/98-07/23/98; Government Reform & Oversight --

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal
Justice)

Item Key: 105

SUBSTANCE ABUSE * Revised *

National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice

Subcommittee (Chairman Hastert, R-Ill.) of House Government Reform and

Oversight Committee will hold a series of hearings on substance abuse

and related issues.

July 22 10:00 am 2154 Rayburn Bldg.

July 23 1:00 pm 2154 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda & witnesses scheduled:

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Drug Treatment Programs:

Marsha Blanton - associate director, General Accounting Office; Donald Vereen - Office of National Drug Control Policy; Sally Satel - psychiatrist and author; Eric Wish - drug treatment researcher; Raymond Soucek - president, Haymarket Center; Arthur Pratt - Life Effectiveness Training

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Substance Abuse and Pregnant Women

Rep. Tom Latham, R-Iowa; Charles Condon - attorney general, State of South Carolina; Catherine Christophillis - director of drug prosecution, State of South Carolina; Reuben Greenberg - chief of police, Charleston, S.C.; Paula Keller - director, Serenity Place; Shirley B. Brown - Medical University of South Carolina; Joanne Huelsman - state senator, Wisconsin; William J. Domina - Office of Corporation Counsel, Waukesha County

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MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OF FCC

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE date TBA; Government Reform & Oversight -- Subcommittee on
Government Management, Information and Technology)

Item Key: 106

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OF FCC

Government Management, Information and Technology Subcommittee (Chairman
Horn, R-Calif.) of House Government Reform and Oversight Committee will
hold a hearing on the management practices of the Federal Communications
Commission (FCC).

Date TBA Time TBA 2247 Rayburn Bldg.

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for June 23.

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CIVIL SERVICE REVISION

Subcommittee Markup

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE date TBA; Government Reform & Oversight -- Subcommittee on Civil Service)

Item Key: 107

CIVIL SERVICE REVISION

Subcommittee Markup

Civil Service Subcommittee (Chairman Mica, R-Fla.) of House Government Reform and Oversight Committee will mark up pending legislation.

Date TBA 9:00 am 2247 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR- - - A bill to revise long-term health care insurance for federal employees.

HR--- - A bill to overhaul several aspects of civil service employment, including the merit system, performance management, employee compensation and benefits, and retirement benefits.

Note: This markup was originally scheduled for July 16.

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MEDICARE HOME HEALTH PROGRAM

Oversight Hearing

Future House committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 07/22/98; Government Reform & Oversight -- Subcommittee on
Human Resources)

Item Key: 101

MEDICARE HOME HEALTH PROGRAM * Revised *

Oversight Hearing

Human Resources Subcommittee (Chairman Shays, R-Conn.) of House
Government Reform and Oversight Committee will hold an oversight hearing
on the Health Care Financing Administration's efforts to implement
surety bond requirements to protect Medicare's home health program from
waste, fraud and abuse. Total home health spending rose from \$4.7
billion in 1990 to \$17.8 billion in 1997. Studies by the Health and

Human Services Department and the General Accounting Office attribute a significant amount of this growth to waste, fraud and abuse.

July 22 10:00 am 2154 Rayburn Bldg.

Witnesses scheduled:

PANEL:

Penny Thompson - director, program integrity, Health Care Financing Administration; George W. Grob - deputy inspector general, Department of Health and Human Services

PANEL:

Lynn M. Schubert - president, Surety Association of America; Bill Koniers - senior vice president for business development, AMHealth Group Inc.; William A. Dombi - vice president for law, National Association for Home Care; Jane F. Quinn - home health care coordinator, York Hospital Home Care; Steve Richard - CEO, Sun Home Health Service; Steve Schneider - CEO, VNA of Central New Jersey

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REQUIRE FEDERAL PROCUREMENT FROM PRIVATE SECTOR

Subcommittee Markup

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE date TBA; Government Reform & Oversight -- Subcommittee on
Government Management, Information and Technology)

Item Key: 100

REQUIRE FEDERAL PROCUREMENT FROM PRIVATE SECTOR

Subcommittee Markup

Government Management, Information and Technology Subcommittee (Chairman
Horn, R-Calif.) of House Government Reform and Oversight Committee will
mark up legislation that would require each federal agency to identify
which activities the private sector could perform more cost effectively
and efficiently. Once the areas are identified, the measure would
require the agencies to solicit offers from private companies to handle
the tasks in those areas, such as laundry service at veterans'
hospitals.

Date TBA Time TBA 2247 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR716 - A bill to require that the federal government procure from
the private sector the goods and services necessary for the

operations and management of certain government agencies,
and for other purposes.

Note: The markup was originally scheduled for June 16.

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FEDERAL AGENCIES' CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICERS

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE date TBA; Government Reform & Oversight -- Subcommittee on
Government Management, Information and Technology)

Item Key: 99

FEDERAL AGENCIES' CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICERS

Government Management, Information and Technology Subcommittee (Chairman
Horn, R-Calif.) of House Government Reform and Oversight Committee will
hold a hearing on the Clinger-Cohen Act (PL 104-208), which required
that federal departments and agencies create the position of Chief
Information Officer to oversee information systems.

Date TBA Time TBA 2154 Rayburn Bldg.

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for April 23.

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HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE 07/22/98; Judiciary)

Item Key: 118

HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

House Judiciary Committee (Chairman Hyde, R-Ill.) will hold a hearing on legislation that would amend the federal criminal code to set penalties for persons who, whether or not acting under color of law, willfully cause bodily injury to any person or, through the use of fire, firearm, or explosive device, attempt to cause such injury, because of the actual or perceived: (1) race, color, religion, or national origin of any person; and (2) religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability of

any person.

July 22 10:00 am 2141 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR3081 - A bill to enhance federal enforcement of hate crimes, and
for other purposes.

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REGULATORY FAIR WARNING; TAXPAYERS DEFENSE ACT

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE 07/23/98; Judiciary -- Subcommittee on Commercial and
Administrative Law)

Item Key: 117

REGULATORY FAIR WARNING; TAXPAYERS DEFENSE ACT

Commercial and Administrative Law Subcommittee (Chairman Gekas, R-Pa.)

of House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on pending legislation:

1). The Regulatory Fair Warning Act, which would require that an agency give the regulated community adequate notice of its interpretation of an ambiguous rule and would prohibit a civil or criminal sanction from being imposed by an agency or court if: a rule or regulation is not available to the public or known to the regulated community; a rule or regulation does not give fair warning of what is prohibited or required; or officials have been misleading about what a rule prohibits or requires. 2). The Taxpayers Defense Act, which would require that any rule that establishes or raises a tax would have to be submitted to Congress and receive the approval of Congress before it could take effect. The Act would disable agencies from establishing or raising taxes (such as the recent decision by the Federal Communications Commission to impose a fee to finance universal service), but would allow them to formulate proposals for Congress to consider, under existing rulemaking procedures

July 23 10:00 am 2141 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR4049 - A bill to amend titles 5 and 28, U.S. Code, to provide for a limitation on sanctions imposed by agencies and courts in certain circumstances.

HR4096 - A bill to amend title 5, U.S. Code, to provide for Congressional review of rules establishing or increasing taxes.

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COPYRIGHT OFFICE OVERSIGHT

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE 07/23/98; Judiciary -- Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual
Property)

Item Key: 116

COPYRIGHT OFFICE OVERSIGHT

Courts and Intellectual Property Subcommittee (Chairman Coble, R-N.C.)
of House Judiciary Committee will hold an oversight hearing on the U.S.
Copyright Office.

July 23 10:00 am 2226 Rayburn Bldg.

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USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO STEM ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AT BORDERS

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE 07/23/98; Judiciary -- Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims)

Item Key: 115

USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO STEM ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AT BORDERS

Immigration and Claims Subcommittee (Chairman Smith, R-Texas) of House

Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on the use of alternative

technologies for implementation of Section 110 of the "Illegal

Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1997" at land

borders.

July 23 9:30 am 2237 Rayburn Bldg.

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LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS AS SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE 07/22/98-07/24/98; Ways & Means -- Subcommittee on Social Security)

Item Key: 146

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS AS SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Social Security Subcommittee (Chairman Bunning, R-Ky.) of House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on labor-management relations at the Social Security Administration (SSA). The Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 authorized federal agencies to use federal funds to pay the cost of union facilities and support services within agencies and to pay salaries and travel expenses of federal employees to perform union activities for part or all of their workweek. A report by the General Accounting Office found that the SSA was unable to keep track of the amount of time agency employees spend on union work. The hearing will focus on the scope of non-agency activity by SSA employees and the accuracy and completeness with which such spending is accounted for by the SSA.

July 22, 23, 24 10:00 am 1100 Longworth Bldg.

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TRADE RELATIONS WITH EUROPE TRANSATLANTIC ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE 07/28/98; Ways & Means -- Subcommittee on Trade)

Item Key: 145

TRADE RELATIONS WITH EUROPE TRANSATLANTIC ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Trade Subcommittee (Chairman Crane, R-Ill.) of House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on current developments in trade relations between the United States and the European Union (EU), with emphasis on the bilateral agenda established under the Transatlantic Economic Partnership (TEP) initiated in May, 1998. The TEP includes a common commitment to work cooperatively to strengthen the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other multilateral institutions and to increase the involvement of non-governmental entities in transatlantic relations. The hearing also will review U.S. trade negotiating objectives with Europe, prospects for the 1999 agriculture negotiations, and the resolution of pending and future consultations and dispute settlement proceedings with the EU in the WTO.

July 28 11:00 am 1100 Longworth Bldg.

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EFFORTS TO PREVENT SSI FRAUD AND ABUSE

Future House committees

(SCHEDULE date TBA; Ways & Means -- Subcommittee on Human Resources)

Item Key: 147

EFFORTS TO PREVENT SSI FRAUD AND ABUSE

Human Resources Subcommittee (Chairman Shaw, R-Fla.) of House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on proposals to prevent fraud and abuse in the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, which provides \$25 billion in annual cash benefits to more than 6.5 million aged, blind, and disabled individuals. Since 1997, the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) has included SSI on its list of government programs at "high risk" for waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement. This session will focus on proposals that would prevent continued SSI benefits for recipients who have died, prevent prisoners from receiving Federal benefits by requiring the sharing of prisoner information among

federal agencies, stop those falsely claiming residence in the United States from collecting SSI benefits, improve the collection of mispayments especially to former prisoners and individuals receiving other benefits, and bar doctors and attorneys who commit fraud from participating in the SSI program and require restitution.

Date TBA Time TBA B-318 Rayburn Bldg.

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for July 21

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TODAY AT A GLANCE

Afternoon News Highlights

(NEWS 07/21/98; 40 lines)

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TODAY AT A GLANCE

By CQ Staff

HOUSE FLOOR: Scheduled for debate are the Interior (HR4193) and VA-HUD (HR4194) spending bills. Also up is a bill (HR1689) that would shift securities fraud suits to federal court. (Convenes at 9 a.m.; votes possible throughout the day.)

SENATE FLOOR: A cloture vote on the legislative branch spending bill (S2137) is up. Debate on the Commerce-Justice-State spending bill is also scheduled. (Convenes at 9 a.m.; first vote at 10 a.m.)

APPROPRIATIONS: Senate Appropriations will consider draft foreign operations and District of Columbia spending bills.

FAST TRACK: Senate Finance will mark up an omnibus draft trade bill that includes presidential fast-track authority.

FIREFIGHTING: A House Resources panel will consider a bill (HR3187) to limit the liability of utility cooperatives for firefighting costs on federal property.

CRIME: House Judiciary will mark up several measures, including a bill (HR3898) to increase penalties related to the drug methamphetamine.

POSTAL SERVICE: House Government Reform and Oversight will consider several measures, including a bill (HR3725) that would apply OSHA standards to the Postal Service.

FINANCIAL AID: A House Transportation panel considers a draft bill that would reauthorize regional aid programs.

IRAN: House International Relations is scheduled to mark up a bill (HR3743) that would bar the use of U.S. contributions to international organizations for support of nuclear power plants in Iran.

CYBERSPACE: A House Commerce panel will hold a hearing on privacy online.

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IV. RESEARCH MATERIALS

House Staff Bulletin

(FLOORWATCH 07/21/98; 75 lines)

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nations." However, over time, Congress has given away its constitutional authority and responsibilities to the executive branch. The president already has the constitutional power to conduct foreign affairs and negotiate international trade agreements. However, because Congress must approve any changes to U.S. law that result from trade agreements, fast-track proponents purport that fast track is needed to strengthen the president's stance during trade negotiations and expedite

protection labor standards and American jobs, then bought the votes of a few with personal promises to gain the simple majority needed for passage. Clearly , fast-track authority has digressed from the original intentions of Congress. Trade agreements should come out of a consensus of both the legislative and executive branches: article by Rep.

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APPLYING OSHA RULES TO USPS; POST OFFICE NAMING BILLS

Subcommittee Markup

House Committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98; Government Reform & Oversight -- Subcommittee on the
Postal Service)

Item Key: 23

APPLYING OSHA RULES TO USPS; POST OFFICE NAMING BILLS * Revised *

Subcommittee Markup

Postal Service Subcommittee (Chairman McHugh, R-N.Y.) of House
Government Reform and Oversight Committee will mark up pending
legislation.

July 21 2:00 pm 2247 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR3810 - A bill to designate the U.S. Post Office located at 202
Center Street in Garwood, N.J., as the "James T. Leonard,
Sr. Post Office."

HR3939 - A bill to designate the U.S. Postal Service building located
at 658 63rd Street, Philadelphia, Pa., as the "Edgar C.
Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building."

HR3999 - A bill to designate the U.S. Postal Service building located
at 5209 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pa., as the "David P.

Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building."

HR4000 - A bill to designate the U.S. Postal Service building located at 400 Edgmont Avenue, Chester, Pa., as the "Thomas P. Foglietta Post Office Building."

HR4001 - A bill to designate the U.S. Postal Service building located at 2601 North 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., as the "Roxanne H. Jones Post Office Building."

HR4002 - A bill to designate the U.S. Postal Service building located at 5300 West Jefferson Street, Philadelphia, Pa., as the "Freeman Hankins Post Office Building."

HR4003 - A bill to designate the U.S. Postal Service building located at 2037 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., as the "Max Weiner Post Office Building."

HR2623 - A bill to designate the U.S. Post Office located at 16250 Highway 603 in Kiln, Miss., as the "Ray J. Favre Post Office Building."

HR3167 - A bill to designate the U.S. Post Office located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, N.Y., as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building."

HR4052 - A bill to establish designations for U.S. Postal Service buildings located in Coconut Grove, Opa Locka, Carol City and Miami, Fla.

HR3725 - A bill to make the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 applicable to the U.S. Postal Service in the same manner as any other employer.

PRIVACY IN CYBERSPACE

House Committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98; Commerce -- Subcommittee on Telecommunications,

Trade and Consumer Protection)

Item Key: 29

PRIVACY IN CYBERSPACE * Revised *

Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee (Chairman

Tauzin, R-La.) of House Commerce Committee will hold a hearing on

"Electronic Commerce: Privacy in Cyberspace." The session will focus on

data privacy legislation.

July 21 10:00 am 2123 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR2368 - A bill to promote the privacy of interactive computer

service users through self-regulation by the providers of

such services, and for other purposes.

Witnesses scheduled:

PANEL:

Robert Pitofsky - chairman, Federal Trade Commission
(FTC); Orson Swindle - commissioner, FTC; Sheila F. Anthony
- commissioner, FTC; Mozelle W. Thompson - commissioner, FTC

PANEL:

Esther Dyson - chairman, Edventure Holdings Inc.;
Christine Varney - executive director, On Line Privacy
Alliance; Steven J. Cole - senior vice president, general
counsel and corporate secretary, Council of Better Business
Bureaus; Deirdre Mulligan - Center for Democracy and
Technology; Kathryn Montgomery - president, Center for Media
Education; Jerry Creasale - senior vice president for
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TRANSFER OF MISSILE TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA

Future Senate committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 07/22/98; Commerce, Science & Transportation)

Item Key: 52

TRANSFER OF MISSILE TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA * Revised *

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (Chairman McCain,
R-Ariz.) will hold a hearing on the transfer of sensitive missile
technology to China.

July 22 9:30 am SR-253 Russell Bldg.

Witnesses scheduled:

PANEL:

John Holum - acting under secretary of State for international security affairs; Franklin Miller - principal deputy assistant secretary of Defense; William Reinsch - under secretary of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration

PANEL:

Paul Freedenberg - international trade consultant, Baker & Botts; Kathrine Schinasi - associate director, Defense Acquisitions Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; Henry Sokolski - executive director, Non-Proliferation Policy Education Center

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GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT BILLS

Full Committee Markup

Future House committees * New *

(SCHEDULE 07/23/98; Government Reform & Oversight)

Item Key: 102

GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT BILLS * New *

Full Committee Markup

House Government Reform and Oversight Committee (Chairman Burton, R-Ind.) will hold a hearing to mark up pending legislation.

July 23 10:00 am 2154 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR4237 - A bill to amend the District of Columbia Convention Center and Sports Arena Authorization Act of 1995 to revise the revenues and activities covered under such act, and for other purposes.

HR2508 - A bill to provide for the conveyance of federal land in San Joaquin County, Calif., to the city of Tracy, Calif.

HR4243 - A bill to reduce waste, fraud and error in government programs by making improvements with respect to federal management and debt collection practices, federal payment systems and federal benefit programs, and for other purposes.

HR4244 - A bill to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S. Code 401 et seq.) to provide for measurement of the performance of the federal procurement system, to enhance the training of the acquisition workforce, and for other purposes.

HR3725 - A bill to make the Occupational Safety and Health Act of

1970 applicable to the U.S. Postal Service in the same manner as any other employer.

HR2526 - A bill to amend title 5, U.S. Code, to make the percentage limitations on individual contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan more consistent with the dollar amount limitation on elective deferrals, and for other purposes.

HR2566 - A bill to amend title 5, U.S. Code, to expand the class of individuals under the Civil Service Retirement System eligible to elect the option under which the deposit which is normally required in connection with a refund previously taken may instead be made up through an actuarially equivalent annuity reduction.

HR2943 - A bill to amend title 5, U. S. Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor, and for other purposes.

HR4259 - A bill to allow Haskell Indian Nations University and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute each to conduct a demonstration project to test the feasibility and desirability of new personnel management policies and procedures, and for other purposes.

HR --- - A bill to allow federal agencies to use money appropriated for salaries to help their employees pay for child care.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Future House committees

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(SCHEDULE 07/22/98-07/23/98; Government Reform & Oversight --

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal
Justice)

Item Key: 105

SUBSTANCE ABUSE * Revised *

National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice

Subcommittee (Chairman Hastert, R-Ill.) of House Government Reform and

Oversight Committee will hold a series of hearings on substance abuse
and related issues.

July 22 10:00 am 2154 Rayburn Bldg.

July 23 1:00 pm 2154 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda & witnesses scheduled:

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Drug Treatment Programs:

Marsha Blanton - associate director, General Accounting

Office; Donald Vereen - Office of National Drug Control
Policy; Sally Satel - psychiatrist and author; Eric Wish -
drug treatment researcher; Raymond Soucek - president,
Haymarket Center; Arthur Pratt - Life Effectiveness Training

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Substance Abuse and Pregnant Women

Rep. Tom Latham, R-Iowa; Charles Condon - attorney general,
State of South Carolina; Catherine Christophillis - director
of drug prosecution, State of South Carolina; Reuben
Greenberg - chief of police, Charleston, S.C.; Paula Keller
- director, Serenity Place; Shirley B. Brown - Medical
University of South Carolina; Joanne Huelsman - state
senator, Wisconsin; William J. Domina - Office of
Corporation Counsel, Waukesha County

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TRADE: FAST-TRACK TRADING AUTHORITY BACK BEFORE SENATE FINANCE

Scheduled Events

(NEWS 07/21/98; 50 lines)

Item Key: 14215

TRADE: FAST-TRACK TRADING AUTHORITY BACK BEFORE SENATE FINANCE

By CQ Staff

The Senate Finance Committee today will mark up a sweeping trade bill that includes language granting the president fast-track trade authority.

Chairman William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., released details of the draft bill last week. The measure takes the first formal step toward making fast-track authority, which would allow the president to submit trade agreements to the Senate for up-or-down votes without amendment, a key

issue in election campaigns.

Efforts to approve fast track last fall failed when the White House and Republicans failed to secure the votes needed for House passage.

The bill will also include a slightly altered version of a House-passed bill (HR1432) to promote trade in sub-Saharan Africa, and the text of a Senate bill (S1216) to implement an international shipbuilding trade agreement.

The bill would grant Mongolia permanent most-favored-nation trade status -- a status that will be known as "normal trade relations" today after President Clinton signs into law a bill to overhaul the Internal Revenue Service (HR2676). Language to change the trade term was attached to the final version of the IRS bill.

The bill also would reduce tariffs on some wool fabrics and extend through 2000 the Trade Adjustment Assistance program, which provides training to workers in communities where jobs are lost as a result of trade agreements.

It also includes a provision that would allow Caribbean and Central American nations covered by the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI) to export some products to the United States free of duties and quotas.

The bill would reauthorize the now-expired Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), which allows the president to extend duty-free

treatment to imports from countries designated as developing nations.

Farm groups and business leaders are urging Congress to act on fast track this year, but the White House has been unenthusiastic about the prospect of moving the legislation through Congress in an election year.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., promised last month that the House would vote this year on granting the president fast-track trade negotiating authority, and said he had talked to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., about having the Senate act first to generate momentum for the bill.

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IT'S CHI-CHI TO GO TO CHI-CHA FOR A SOCIAL SECURITY DISCUSSION

Pulse of Congress/Insight

(NEWS 07/21/98; 31 lines)

Item Key: 14241

IT'S CHI-CHI TO GO TO CHI-CHA FOR A SOCIAL SECURITY DISCUSSION

By Elana Mintz, CQ Staff Writer

A Washington-based nonprofit group is pulling out all the stops this

summer to engage young people in the Social Security debate by offering up three things college kids can't resist: free food, big money, and hot nightclubs.

Americans Discuss Social Security, a two-year project funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts, is sponsoring a nation-wide "Social Security Challenge," which will award \$100,000 to the group of college students that comes up with the best plan to get their classmates talking about the issue. The winners, who will be announced today at the hip Washington nightspot Chi-Cha Lounge, also receive \$10,000 each towards their education.

Why dispense all that cash to a group that is years away from retirement?

College students are traditionally "a difficult group to get to focus" on Social Security, says Bill Brannigan, a spokesman for the organization, which promotes an open dialogue on the beleaguered entitlement program, but takes no position on how it should be fixed.

The group is also taking advantage of the annual pilgrimage of summer interns to Capitol Hill, sponsoring an "Intern Summit" next Wednesday at the posh Omni Shoreham hotel. In addition to an opportunity to meet with lawmakers, interns are encouraged to "enjoy free meals and a day off of work in a relaxed yet professional environment," according to a release on the group's web site (www.americansdiscuss.org).

KANSAS CONTESTANTS ARGUE OVER WHO IS A REAL FOE OF CRIME

Hill News Highlights

(NEWS 07/21/98; 52 lines)

Item Key: 14236

KANSAS CONTESTANTS ARGUE OVER WHO IS A REAL FOE OF CRIME

By Gregory L. Giroux, CQ Staff Writer

Dennis Moore, the probable Democratic challenger to freshman Republican Rep. Vince Snowbarger in Kansas' 3rd District, spent 12 years as a county district attorney. Now he is a criminal defense lawyer.

So it is no surprise that Moore is emphasizing his past career as a prosecutor as he seeks to capture a mainly suburban Republican stronghold in metropolitan Kansas City. Nor is it unexpected that Snowbarger is trying to portray Moore's representation of criminal defendants in a negative light.

Moore was elected to three four-year terms as district attorney -- in 1976, 1980 and 1984 -- in Johnson County, the most heavily populated and most Republican county in the 3rd. In his House campaign, Moore

points to his prosecution of more than 25 felony jury trials.

But Kevin Yowell, Snowbarger's campaign manager, noted that Moore was district attorney 10 years ago, and scoffed that his anti-crime efforts have been superceded by his efforts as a defense lawyer. "He represents murderers, rapists, child molesters and kidnappers," Yowell alleged. "He's fighting to put criminals on the streets."

Moore's campaign manager, Chris Esposito, countered that Snowbarger -- a lawyer and college teacher who spent 12 years in the state House before coming to Washington, the last four as majority leader -- has never prosecuted anyone. Esposito contended Moore "fought for tougher prison sentences against convicted drug dealers and cracked down on juvenile crime."

Snowbarger, for his part, will have to parry Democratic attacks on his anti-crime credentials. Moore's campaign has taken Snowbarger to task for receiving National Rifle Association support and for pushing in the state Legislature for legislation to legalize the carrying of concealed weapons -- "a crazy idea," Esposito said. Snowbarger has said that most violent crimes occur outside the home and that properly trained, law-abiding citizens should have the option of carrying guns to defend themselves from criminals.

Democratic officials have been touting Moore as one of their top prospects to take over a Republican-held district -- largely because of Snowbarger's middling 1996 win (50 percent to 45 percent) over

Democratic lawyer Judy Hancock, despite having GOP favorite son Bob Dole atop the ticket. Democrats again will try to convince voters that Snowbarger, a conservative who succeeded six-term Republican moderate Jan Meyers, is too far right for the 3rd.

Moore is heavily favored over mediator Dan Dana in the Aug. 4 Democratic primary. Snowbarger is unopposed for the Republican nomination.

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FOREIGN POLICY: HOUSE PANEL SEEKS TO BAR U.S. FUNDS FOR IRAN NUCLEAR POWER

Scheduled Events

(NEWS 07/21/98; 61 lines)

Item Key: 14218

FOREIGN POLICY: HOUSE PANEL SEEKS TO BAR U.S. FUNDS FOR IRAN NUCLEAR POWER

By CQ Staff

The House International Relations Committee is scheduled to mark up a bill (HR3743) today that would bar the use of any U.S. contributions

to international organizations to support nuclear power plants in Iran.

With the aid of Russian scientists and technical assistance, Iran is currently building a \$1 billion nuclear power plant in Bushehr.

Lawmakers are concerned that in building civilian nuclear power plants, Iran will gain access to the technology and expertise necessary to develop a nuclear weapons program. Bill sponsors say that Iran has announced plans to build three nuclear power plants by 2015.

The measure would prohibit international organizations such as the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) from using U.S. funds in Iran's nuclear power program. It also would order the U.S. representative to the IAEA to oppose all programs and funding that promote the development of the Bushehr plant or any other nuclear development in Iran. Bill sponsors contend that the IAEA plans to provide about \$1.3 million to complete Bushehr.

The measure also would require the State Department to annually review IAEA programs to determine if they are consistent with non-proliferation policies.

Created to verify compliance of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), the IAEA does not directly aid in the construction and development of nuclear power plants, an agency source explained. Instead its funds go to checking whether civilian nuclear projects are being used for military purposes. The agency employs about 200 inspectors to ensure compliance by signatories to the NPT, including Iran.

AFRICA AID: The committee is also set to debate a bill (HR3636) that would require the U.S. Agency for International Development to develop a strategy for providing credits to assist agricultural and rural development in the famine-plagued sub-Saharan Africa region.

The bill would also urge the Overseas Private Investment Corporation to extend certain loans and funding to sub-Saharan nations, such as South Africa, Kenya and Uganda.

OTHER MEASURES: The panel has several other measures on its agenda for the markup scheduled for today and tomorrow, including a bill (HR4095) calling on the president to negotiate with the 27 other signatories of the Wassenaar Arrangement, a 1995 international conventional arms control agreement, on restricting arms transfers to countries that abuse human rights, do not respect democratic processes or engage in acts of "armed aggression."

Also on the agenda is a resolution (HJRES125) that would condemn Iraq for its defiance of a U.N. Security Council resolution requiring the disclosure and destruction of its chemical and nuclear arsenal; a non-binding resolution (HCONRES254) urging Cuba to return to the United States convicted killer Joanne Chesimard and 90 other criminals who fled to Cuba to avoid prosecution or imprisonment; and a resolution (HCONRES224) that would urge international cooperation in child abduction cases involving foreign nationals who take U.S. children to other nations.

SENATE FLOOR: C-J-S SPENDING BILL MAY DRAW CENSUS SAMPLING AMENDMENT

Scheduled Events

(NEWS 07/21/98; 31 lines)

Item Key: 14211

SENATE FLOOR: C-J-S SPENDING BILL MAY DRAW CENSUS SAMPLING AMENDMENT

By CQ Staff

The Senate is expected to turn this afternoon to a \$33 billion fiscal 1999 spending bill (S2260) for the departments of Commerce, Justice and State and the federal judiciary.

The measure includes \$575 million to pay dues owed the United Nations. But like the draft House bill, the Senate bill would withhold the funds pending enactment of a State Department authorization bill (HR1757) that faces a veto threat over abortion language.

Unlike the House version, the Senate bill does not include language regarding the use of statistical sampling in the 2000 census. The House version includes \$956 million for the upcoming census but would cut off

funding next March 31 unless Congress and the White House agreed in an authorization bill on whether statistical sampling could be used.

A similar amendment may be offered to the Senate bill by Republicans opposed to sampling. Conservatives argue that the Constitution permits only an actual head count. But supporters of sampling say more accurate population figures could be obtained through the use of sampling, particularly in urban areas where an accurate accounting is more difficult.

Slade Gorton, R-Wash., may offer an amendment that would strike language backed by Appropriations Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, that would restrict foreign fishing vessels in the North Pacific starting in 2000. Gorton says foreign- owned trawlers that employ local crews in his state would be run out of business by the amendment.

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HOUSE FLOOR: WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN REAUTHORIZATION PASSES EASILY

Hill News Highlights

(NEWS 07/21/98; 25 lines)

Item Key: 14225

HOUSE FLOOR: WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN REAUTHORIZATION PASSES EASILY

By Bob Gravely, CQ Staff Writer

On a 383-1 vote, the House yesterday passed legislation to reauthorize several nutrition programs for low-income families and school children.

The bill (HR3874) would reauthorize through 2003 the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition and health program -- which serves poor pregnant women, and children up to age 5. The program is set to expire on Sept. 30, the end of fiscal 1998.

Under the measure, grocers and individuals who defraud the WIC program would be subject to tougher penalties, including a \$25,000 fine for embezzling or stealing WIC food stamps.

The bill also would reauthorize other programs through 2003, including one to allow private, nonprofit organizations to provide free or reduced-cost meals for school children during the summer months, and another to allow the Agriculture Department to use surplus agricultural funds to finance child nutrition programs.

The bill further would allow a five-year pilot project to test the effectiveness of providing free breakfasts to all students.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS: LEGISLATION WOULD APPLY OSHA STANDARDS TO POSTAL SERVICE

Scheduled Events

(NEWS 07/21/98; 27 lines)

Item Key: 14220

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS: LEGISLATION WOULD APPLY OSHA STANDARDS TO POSTAL SERVICE

By CQ Staff

Legislation (HR3725) to bring the U.S. Postal Service under the regulatory authority of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will be marked up today by the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

The bill was approved last month by the House Education and the Workforce Committee.

John M. McHugh, R-N.Y., may introduce an amendment to dictate that adherence to OSHA regulations would not cause the closing of a Post Office or a reduction in services. In his amendment, McHugh also wants to ensure that putting the Postal Service under the supervision of OSHA does not become a justification for postage rates to increase.

Democrats may try again to offer amendments, ruled out of order as non-germane in the Education committee, that would extend OSHA protection to executive branch employees and to employees of states and localities.

Tomorrow, the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee also will consider its bill (S2112) to bring the Post Office under OSHA regulations.

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OTHER EVENTS FOR JULY 21, 1998

Scheduled Events

(NEWS 07/21/98; 152 lines)

Item Key: 14206

OTHER EVENTS FOR JULY 21, 1998

By CQ Staff

MEDICARE MEETING

The Restructuring Task Force of the National Bipartisan Commission

on the Future of Medicare will hold a meeting. The commission is chaired by Sen. John Breaux, D-La., and Rep. William Thomas, R-Calif.

9 a.m.: SH-902 Hart Bldg.

Contact: Rusty Jabour, 202-252-3394.

CHINA NEWS CONFERENCE

Family Research Council President Gary Bauer will hold a news conference to issue a yearly progress report card on China. The report assesses China in four categories: human rights, weapons proliferation, national security and economic concerns.

10 a.m.: EF-100 Capitol Bldg.

Contact: Kristin Hansen, 202-393-2100.

CHINA/MFN NEWS CONFERENCE

Rep. Philip Crane, R-Ill., will hold a news conference to release a U.S. Chamber of Commerce study on the benefits of Most Favored Nation trade status with China.

10 a.m.: B-318 Rayburn Bldg.

Contact: Ari Fleischer or Trent Duffy, 202-225-8933.

AGRICULTURE WORKERS NEWS CONFERENCE

Sens. Robert Graham, D-Fla., Gordon Smith, R-Ore., Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., Slade Gorton, R-Wash., Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Larry Craig, R-Idaho, will hold a news conference to discuss their plan to introduce the Agricultural Job Opportunity Benefits and Security Act of 1998.

11 a.m.: S-325 Capitol Bldg., (Senate Radio-TV Gallery).

Contact: Chris Hand or Marilyn Lewis, 202-224-7999.

REP. ARMEY NEWS CONFERENCE

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, will hold his regular weekly news conference. No cameras or recorders will be allowed.

11:30 a.m.: H-219 Capitol Bldg.

Contact: Michele Davis, 202-225-6007.

RUSSIA LECTURE

The Heritage Foundation will host a lecture entitled "Is Russia More Dangerous Than Ever?" The speaker is Stanislav Lunev, author of "Through the Eyes of the Enemy."

Noon: Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Ave. NE.

Contact: Paul Love, 202-675-1752.

Note: No cameras allowed.

HUMAN GENOME SEMINAR

The National Institutes of Health will host a seminar on "The Human Genome Project and Its Impact on Biomedical Science."

Noon: NIH, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Md., Building 10.

Contact: 301-496-2427.

UTILITIES DEREGULATION BRIEFING

The Environmental Law and Policy Center for the Midwest, the Izaak Walton League of America and the Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana will hold a briefing on the state of deregulation in the utilities industry in the Midwestern states.

Noon: National Press Club, 14th and F streets NW, Lisagor Room.

Contact: Deborah Anderson, 312-759-3400.

PENSION ISSUES NEWS CONFERENCE

Sen. Robert Graham, D-Fla., and Senate Aging Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, will hold a news conference on pension security legislation.

Noon: S-325 Capitol Bldg., (Senate Radio-TV Gallery).

Contact: 202-224-3041 or 202-224-3744.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FORUM

The Center for Jewish and Christian Values will hold a forum on President Clinton's trip to China, focusing on religious liberties. Participants include Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and (invited) John Shattuck, assistant secretary of State for democracy, human rights and labor.

12:30 p.m.: SD-628 Dirksen Bldg.

Contact: Joseph Grieboski, 202-682-9571.

HEALTH INSURANCE BRIEFING

Rep. Harris Fawell, R-Ill., and House Small Business Committee Chairman James Talent, R-Mo., will hold a briefing to discuss a GOP proposal to help Americans without health insurance gain coverage.

1 p.m.: 2261 Rayburn Bldg.

Contact: Jay Diskey, 202-225-4527; or Kristen Young, 202-225-2561.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE NEWS CONFERENCE

Senate Labor and Human Resources Chairman Jim Jeffords, R-Vt., will join Reps. Joe Moakley, D-Mass., and Jack Quinn, R-N.Y., and Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., and Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, at a news conference to discuss their support for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

1 p.m.: S-325 Capitol Bldg., (Senate Radio-TV Gallery).

Contact: 202-224-5141 or 202-225-3306.

SOCIAL SECURITY SEMINAR

Americans for Democratic Action, Inc. will host a seminar on on "Social Security: Come Hear the Analysis That Wall Street Doesn't Want You to Hear." Participants include Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y.

3:30 p.m.: HC-4 Capitol Bldg.

Contact: Molly Magnuson, 202-785-5980.

SOCIAL WELFARE FORUM

The Cato Institute will hold a book forum titled, "Social Welfare and Individual Responsibility." Participants include David Shmidtz of the University of Arizona; Jamin Raskin of American University; and Adam Wolfson, executive editor of "The Public Interest."

4 p.m.: Cato Institute 1000 Massachusetts Ave. NW.

Contact: James Markels, 202-371-0841.

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*** HISTORY REPORT -- ALL LEGISLATIVE ACTION, COSPONSORS, SPEECHES ***

MEASURE: HR6

SPONSOR: McKeon (R-CA)

BRIEF TITLE: Higher Education Amendments of 1998.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to extend the authorization of programs under the
Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 01/07/97

COSPONSORS: 13 (Dems: 6 Reps: 7 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Rules

Senate Labor and Human Resources

House Education and the Workforce

RELATED BILLS: See S1882, HRes411

See also HR877, HR980, HR1980, HR2088, HR2981,

HR3727, HR3755, HRes321

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 CLAYTON, D-N.C., House speech: On the CLAYTON, D-N.C.,

amendment to distribute mail voter registration
applications during registration for enrollment, unless
the student declines in writing to receive such a form.
(CR p. H5848)

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*** HISTORY REPORT -- ALL LEGISLATIVE ACTION, COSPONSORS, SPEECHES ***

MEASURE: HR3269

SPONSOR: McGovern (D-MA)

BRIEF TITLE: Incentive for Achievement Through Pell Grants Act.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to
establish a program to increase Pell grant awards to
students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high
school class.

INTRODUCED: 02/25/98

COSPONSORS: 34 (Dems: 33 Reps: 0 Ind: 1)

COMMITTEES: House Education and the Workforce

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Christian-Green, (D-VI)

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*** HISTORY REPORT -- ALL LEGISLATIVE ACTION, COSPONSORS, SPEECHES ***

MEASURE: HR4065

SPONSOR: Scarborough (R-FL)

BRIEF TITLE: E-Rate Tax Moratorium Act of 1998.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to suspend collections for the connection of
schools and libraries to the Internet, and for other
purposes.

INTRODUCED: 06/16/98

COSPONSORS: 32 (Dems: 0 Reps: 32 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Commerce

RELATED BILLS: See HR4032

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 2

Burton, D. (R-IN) Emerson, J. (R-MO)

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*** HISTORY REPORT -- ALL LEGISLATIVE ACTION, COSPONSORS, SPEECHES ***

MEASURE: HR4175

SPONSOR: Kucinich (D-OH)

BRIEF TITLE: Future Entrepreneurs of America Act

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to promote youth entrepreneurship education and
training.

INTRODUCED: 06/25/98

COSPONSORS: 23 (Dems: 19 Reps: 3 Ind: 1)

COMMITTEES: House Education and the Workforce

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

07/17/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 5

Andrews, R. (D-NJ) Davis, D. (D-IL) Underwood (D-GU)

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1 HR1085 Hyde (R-IL) 07/16/98 (17998 lines)

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To revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain
general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national

observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36, United States Code, "Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations".

Item Key: 11960

2 HR4101 Skeen (R-NM) 07/16/98 (3687 lines)

Engrossed Amendment Senate

An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies programs, for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

Item Key: 11962

3 HR4225 Kennedy P. (D-RI) 07/15/98 (115 lines)

Introduced in House

To amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish liability for individuals practicing medicine without a license in connection with a group health plan.

Item Key: 11881

4 HR4104 Kolbe (R-AZ) 07/17/98 (1970 lines)

Placed on Calendar Senate

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, 1999, and for other purposes.

Item Key: 11963

5 HR4250 Gingrich (R-GA) 07/16/98 (6365 lines)

Introduced in House

To provide new patient protections under group health plans.

Item Key: 11943

6 S1069 Murkowski (R-AK) 07/17/98 (201 lines)

Engrossed (passed) in Senate

Entitled the "National Discovery Trails Act of 1997".

Item Key: 12001

7 HR4219 Baldacci (D-ME) 07/15/98 (79 lines)

Introduced in House

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make certain changes related to payments for graduate medical education under the Medicare Program.

Item Key: 11875

8 HR4231 Rothman (D-NJ) 07/15/98 (57 lines)

Introduced in House

To require employers to notify local emergency officials, under the appropriate circumstances, of workplace emergencies, and for other purposes.

Item Key: 11887

9 HR4199 Fox (R-PA) 07/14/98 (162 lines)

Introduced in House

To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Laurie Beechman and her battle against ovarian cancer.

Item Key: 11814

10 HR4222 Coburn (R-OK) 07/15/98 (442 lines)

Introduced in House

To amend the Public Health Service Act, Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans and managed care plans under the Medicare and Medicaid Programs provide coverage for hospital lengths of stay as determined by the attending health care provider in consultation with the patient.

Item Key: 11878

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IV. RESEARCH MATERIALS

House Staff Bulletin

(FLOORWATCH 07/21/98; 75 lines)

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number, the date and the name of the member who inserted the item in the
Record.

D.C. SCHOOL CHOICE -- Children living in the District of Columbia deserve something they are not getting today: a quality education. The District of Columbia Control Board found "that the longer students stay in the District's public school system, the less likely they are to

succeed." In today's high-tech economy, our children simply cannot compete in life without a sound education. We must do more to give the children in the District of Columbia the opportunity for a quality education. We should give low-income parents the freedom to choose the best schools for their children. When D.C. public schools compete for students, they will improve by necessity. The children of Washington deserve a chance to succeed in life. Congress should give them that

chance by supporting school choice for the District of Columbia schools: article by Rep. Rogan, R-Calif., July 14, p. H5417.

FAST-TRACK AUTHORITY FOR TRADE -- Article I of the Constitution states: "Congress has the power to . . . regulate commerce with foreign nations." However, over time, Congress has given away its constitutional authority and responsibilities to the executive branch. The president

III. HEARINGS & MARKUPS

House Staff Bulletin

(FLOORWATCH 07/21/98; 312 lines)

Item Key: 1110

Education & the Workforce Committee

** LABOR STANDARDS/HEAD START/LIHEAP/COMMUNITY SERVICES -- The Education & the Work force Committee will mark up HR4257, which amends the Fair Labor Standards Act to permit Amish youth over the age of 14 to be employed in businesses which process wood; HR ?, Head Start Amendments; HR ?, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Building" in New York; HR4052, which establishes designations for U.S. Postal Service buildings in Coconut Grove, Opa Locka, Carol City and Miami, Fla; and HR3725, which makes OSHA applicable to the U.S. Postal Service in the same manner as any other employer, Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., 2274 Rayburn.

MEDICARE HOME HEALTH PROGRAM -- The Government Reform and Oversight

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VI. JOB OPENINGS

House Staff Bulletin

(FLOORWATCH 07/21/98; 674 lines)

Item Key: 1113

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Staff Bulletin

VI. Job Openings

Note to Job Applicants: To apply for a position, mail your resume to Job Listing, c/o CQ House Action Reports, 1414 22nd Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. Indicate the Job Referral Number on your

resume, as well as on the envelope, and send a separate resume for each position for which you apply. Copies of these Job Listings are also available by request at Kinko's, on Capitol Hill, 317 Pennsylvania Avenue SE.

*Asterisk indicates new opening, first publication. All other openings have been published previously.

member of Congress, submit your resume to the House Action Reports intern file. House Action Reports will keep resumes on file for approximately two months and make them available to offices upon request. Date your resume and send it to Job Referral No. "Intern."

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Northeastern Democrat seeks highly-motivated, creative self-starter. Must demonstrate a successful track

a plus, especially budget, appropriations, trade, taxes, transportation and environment. Salary commensurate with experience; this is not an entry-level position. Please send cover letter, resume and writing sample to Job Referral No. 7202.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR -- House coalition seeks legislative director to work closely with other congressional coalitions to coordinate

promotion of economic development and environmental policies, quality writing and verbal skills and the ability to work well with diverse interest groups. Significant Hill experience is required. Salary approximately \$30,000. Please send resume and writing sample to Job Referral No. 7383.

LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENT / STAFF ASSISTANT -- Progressive member

responsibilities, including greeting constituents, responding to tour requests and answering phones. Previous Hill experience and bilingual ability (English / Spanish) a plus. Good opportunity for advancement within office. Please send cover letter and resume to Job Referral No. 7459.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Progressive member, who serves on the House

legislative responsibility, probably including judiciary and labor issues. Ideal candidate will have a strong background and experience,

and have outstanding organizational and writing abilities. Please send cover letter, resume and writing sample to Job Referral No. 7460.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT / SCHEDULER -- Very active Democratic member seeks diligent, hardworking individual to handle schedule, travel

oral and written communication and computer skills, experience in scheduling, and the ability to work with a team in a very fast-paced environment, and flexibility to work long hours. Send resume, cover letter and references to Job Referral No. 7470.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR -- Midwest Democrat seeks experienced Legislative Director with press background. Candidates should possess

required. Position includes oversight of legislative activities, coordinating press initiatives and other media functions. Qualified candidates must be team players. Send resume, writing sample and salary requirements to Job Referral No. 7474.

SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR -- Democratic Leadership seeking systems administrator to oversee entire office computer network. Ideal

Experience with desktop publishing, office equipment and ability to work well with others strongly desired. Other duties include assisting with events, answering phones and distributing necessary materials. Send resume to Job Referral No. 7477.

SYSTEMS MANAGER -- Senior Democratic member seeks highly- motivated and energetic self-starter to run high-volume Quorum- based system.

include mail production and management and general computer oversight for busy D.C. and district offices. This is not a legislative position. Salary in the low- to mid-twenties, depending on experience. Please send resume to Job Referral No. 7479.

LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENT -- California Democrat seeks legislative correspondent / staff assistant. Primary responsibilities include

answering constituent mail and managing legislative mail system, in addition to providing general assistance to legislative staff. Strong writing skills absolutely required and proficiency with Quorum preferred. Send cover letter, resume and writing sample to Job Referral No. 7480.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Democratic appropriator seeks experienced

LA. Excellent writing skills are a prerequisite and appropriations familiarity preferred. Send cover letter, resume and writing sample to Job Referral No. 7481.

LEGISLATIVE AIDE -- Progressive Western Democrat seeks individual to monitor a variety of issues. Individual will monitor floor activity and make voting and other recommendations on said issues. Candidate should

have strong writing, verbal and analytical skills and should have the ability to learn new subjects quickly. Minorities are encouraged to apply. Resume and cover letter should be sent to Job Referral No. 7486.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT / COUNSEL -- Very active, progressive, hard-working, Democratic House member seeks bright, dedicated attorney to handle two subcommittees on Science Committee. Candidate should have

independent, creative self-starter and have excellent writing, analytical and communication skills, and must be able to work tight deadlines under pressure. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Send resume, writing sample and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7487.

COMPUTER OPERATOR / SYSTEMS MANAGER -- Northeast Democrat seeks experienced computer operator to be responsible for entire computer

operation, including data entry, mail production, printing and maintaining constituent database. Must work well with legislative staff and produce quick turnaround of constituent correspondence. Please send resume and salary requirements to Job Referral No. 7491.

PRESS SECRETARY -- Moderate Northeast Democrat seeks experienced, articulate press secretary with speech writing experience and political

handling daily press activities. Must have exceptional written and oral skills. Journalism and/or Hill experience preferred. Willingness to travel between district and D.C. offices required. Please send resume

and writing sample to Job Referral No. 7493.

SYSTEMS MANAGER / LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENT -- Progressive West

Coast Democrat seeks a team player with a strong work ethic to manage

that qualified candidates have experience with Macintosh computers and Quorum. Responsibilities include assisting in the coordination of mass mailings, updating constituent databases, troubleshooting the database system, training staff on new software, updating the member's Web site and advising on the purchase of new equipment and software. Please send a resume, cover letter and writing sample to Job Referral No. 7495.

excellent written and oral communication skills, be able to handle multiple tasks, be detail-oriented and work well under pressure. Press or campaign experience required. Salary commensurate with experience. Please send cover letter, resume and writing sample to Job Referral No. 7496.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT / SCHEDULER -- Progressive female Democrat seeks

member; drafting personal correspondence for the member; coordinating constituent tours and handling flag requests. Candidates should have excellent written, oral and interpersonal skills and be a self-starter. Send resume and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7507.

PRESS SECRETARY -- Southern Democrat seeks experienced press

secretary for demanding, fast-paced office. Candidates must have strong

projects simultaneously and work under deadline pressure. Good political instincts a must. Familiarity with local television and radio, and with community newspapers a plus. Salary commensurate with experience. Please send cover letter, resume and writing samples to Job Referral No. 7509.

STAFF ASSISTANT -- Democrat seeks staff assistant for an

administrative position in busy front office. Some Hill experience preferred and first-rate writing skills a must. Send resume and brief writing sample to Job Referral No. 7510.

GRANTS COORDINATOR / SPECIAL PROJECTS ASSISTANT -- Active Northeast

Democrat seeks highly-motivated, creative individual to oversee and manage all aspects of an aggressive district- oriented grants program

handle multiple tasks simultaneously. This is a great opportunity for an enthusiastic individual looking for a challenge. Salary \$30,000-\$40,000 commensurate with experience. Please send resume, cover letter and writing sample to Job Referral No. 7511.

RECEPTIONIST / STAFF ASSISTANT -- Freshman Democratic member is seeking a receptionist / staff assistant. Responsibilities include

excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to handle multiple tasks

under time constraints. Qualified applicants should possess a college degree, should be bilingual (Spanish), possess knowledge of Windows95 and have some Hill experience. Please send resume and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7512.

STAFF ASSISTANT / TRAVEL AIDE -- Fast-paced Democratic office has an

Tuesdays through Thursdays and assisting with constituent mail. Other administrative duties are included. The candidate must be task-focused, and proficiency in WordPerfect is strongly recommended. Please send cover letter and resume to Job Referral No. 7514.

OFFICE MANAGER / SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR -- Moderate Midwest Democrat seeking hardworking, detail-oriented, self-starter to serve as an office

equipment and software, experience with office accounts, database management and the ability to work with a team in a fast paced environment. Hill experience preferred. Send resume with cover letter to Job Referral No. 7516.

SYSTEMS MANAGER -- Moderate Democrat seeks systems manager to operate and maintain office computer system. Duties include data entry,

mail production, trouble-shooting system and updating Web page. Also responsible for supervising interns. Must be computer literate, able to juggle multiple tasks and a team player. Please send resume and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7517.

RECEPTIONIST / STAFF ASSISTANT -- Midwestern Democrat seeks bright, energetic individual with excellent oral and written communications

responding to constituent mail in assigned issue areas. Opportunities for advancement within office as positions become available. Equal opportunity work-place. Please send cover letter, resume and two writing samples to Job Referral No. 7524.

SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR -- Democrat seeks systems administrator with knowledge in computer hardware and software, experience in developing

and maintaining Web page and the ability to manage computer network problems. Must be proficient in Quorum, Windows95, WordPerfect for Windows and HTML. Hill experience preferred. Strong writing skills a must. Please send resume and brief writing sample to Job Referral No. 7527.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Democratic member seeks highly- motivated,

Candidate must have excellent oral and written communication skills in English and Spanish, and strong computer knowledge in both Windows and the Internet. Prior legislative or policy experience is desirable. Please send cover letter, resume and writing samples to Job Referral No. 7533.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Moderate Democrat seeks a legislative

assistant to manage health care, seniors and social security issues.

Previous health experience required. Legislative experience preferred.

Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to Job Referral No.

7538.

RECEPTIONIST -- Southern progressive Democrat seeks a "people person" to greet constituents in a service oriented office. This

answering phones, arranging tours, opening, logging and distributing mail and maintaining purchasing supplies. Additional special projects may be assigned on as-needed basis. Please send resume and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7539.

PRESS SECRETARY -- Active moderate Democrat seeks articulate hard-working press secretary with strong written and oral communications

skills. Hill and/or journalism experience required; computer experience (newsletter publishing, Web page design) strongly preferred. Must be able to handle multiple tasks in fast-paced environment. Please send cover letter, resume and writing samples to Job Referral No. 7540.

STAFF ASSISTANT -- Texas Democrat seeks enthusiastic, organized, detail-oriented staff assistant to handle front desk duties.

Responsibilities including answering phones, mail distribution / filing, flag and tour requests, other clerical duties, and some correspondence

and other writing. Texas ties important. Minorities encouraged to apply. Please send short writing sample and resume to Job Referral No. 7546.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT / SCHEDULER -- Very active member seeks

is absolutely required. Ideal candidates will have strong interpersonal, oral and written communication and computer skills, very fast-paced environment, and flexibility to work long hours. Send resume, cover letter and references to Job Referral No. 7546.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT / DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS --

Democratic member is seeking an experienced individual to coordinate and

Washington. Ideal candidate will have Hill experience, experience in management and supervision, and a track record that demonstrates proven leadership. Law degree preferred but not required. Please send resume, salary history and references to Job Referral No. 7548.

SCHEDULER/EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT -- Senior Democrat seeks individual to handle member's schedule -- district and Washington. Responsibility for

office accounts and assisting administrative assistant. Please send resume, brief writing sample, and computer experience to Job Referral No. 7549.

FRONT DESK STAFF ASSISTANT-- Senior Democrat seeks individual to

manage front desk responsibilities, including answering phones, greeting constituents, opening and sorting mail, flag and tour requests, heavy

correspondence load and assisting administrative assistant. Please send resume, brief writing sample and computer experience to Job Referral No. 7550.

SCHEDULER / ASSISTANT -- Member of the Democratic Leadership seeks front desk individual. Responsibilities include member's D.C. scheduling answering the phones greeting visitors coordinating tours and flag

requests opening and distributing mail, as well as file maintenance. Hill experience preferred but not mandatory. Please send resume and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7551.

OFFICE MANAGER -- Midwest Democratic senator seeks office manager who has at least five years experience in information systems and personnel management. Duties include screening of job applicants,

hiring staff, and supervising front office staff and interns. Duties also include payroll and overseeing Ethics and Rules compliance. Accounting and management background essential. Computer system skills helpful. Salary very competitive. Send resume to Job Referral No. 7553.

STAFF ASSISTANT -- Progressive California Democrat seeks enthusiastic, self-starter to handle front desk. Receptionist would

write constituent correspondence. Individual must be friendly, poised and able to efficiently handle multiple responsibilities and deadlines. Superior writing skills are required. Bilingual English / Spanish a plus. Send Resume and cover letter to Job Referral No 7558.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR -- Democratic member seeks a legislative director with knowledge of science, technology and energy policy. Must

have a minimum of three years hill experience, a strong understanding of the appropriations process, and preferable experience with QuorumPower. Please send resume to Job Referral No. 7559.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Progressive woman Democrat seeks an experienced self-starting legislative assistant with and in-depth understanding of the legislative process. Prior experience with

housing, welfare and/or labor issues a plus. Must posses excellent oral and written skills, including the ability to draft legislation, floor statements, letters and memorandum. Minorities and women encouraged to apply. Send cover letter, resume and writing samples to Job Referral No. 7560.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Progressive woman Democrat seeks an

issues. Must posses excellent oral and written communication skills, including the ability to draft legislation, floor statements, letters and memoranda. Minorities and women encouraged to apply. Send cover

letter, resume and writing samples to Job Referral No. 7561.

SCHEDULER -- Ways and Means Democrat seeks individual to coordinate Washington and district scheduling. Primary responsibilities include

as assigned. Ideal candidate should possess strong organizational and writing skills, and knowledge of the legislative process. Familiarity with Maryland a definite plus. Please send resume and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7564.

SCHEDULER / OFFICE MANAGER -- Progressive Northeast Democrat seeks experienced, self-starter to manage Member Resource Allowance (MRA) and

expenditures within MRA limits and within House rules, coordination of member's schedule and management of office operations. Candidates should have strong computer skills and familiarity with House rules on ethics, franking and financing. Please send resume and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7565.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Western Democratic congresswoman seeks a

air, superfund, endangered species and veterans' issues. Salary negotiable. Please submit resume and references, along with your current salary. Also, please indicate specific experience in any of the issue areas mentioned. Please send resume and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7566.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Liberal Democrat seeks junior legislative

number of domestic issues. Prior Hill experience is a plus. Good knowledge of Middle Eastern affairs a must. First-rate writing skills and careful attention to detail required. Please send resumes and writing samples to Job Referral No. 7568.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR -- Moderate Southern Democrat seeks aggressive and energetic legislative director to manage fast-paced legislative

operation. A minimum of three years of Capitol Hill experience required, as well as a strong background in the appropriations process. The position will include responding to constituent mail. Send resume, writing sample and salary requirements to Job Referral No. 7569.

PRESS SECRETARY -- Member of the Democratic leadership seeks press secretary for fast-paced office. The ideal candidate will have press

and Capitol Hill experience, strong writing skills and the ability to generate top-quality work in record time. The ability to plan creative district press events a must. Should be willing to work hard and possess a good sense of humor. Send resume to Job Referral No. 7570.

SCHEDULER / EVENT PLANNER -- Northeast moderate Democratic seeks a scheduler / planner for his district office. This strategic position

well under deadline pressure. Duties include: conceptualizing, setting

up meetings with constituents and community leaders; and ensuring that all details of the member's schedule are accurate and updated.

Relocation to New Jersey a must. Send resume to Job Referral No. 7571.

CASEWORKER -- Midwest Republican seeking caseworker in D.C. office.

This is an entry-level position, casework experience not necessary (we

will train). Intern or other relevant background useful. Excellent communications skills (verbal and written) a definite advantage. Send resume to Job Referral No. 7572.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT / SCHEDULER -- Texas democrat seeks experienced individual for the position of executive assistant / scheduler.

Responsibilities include management and administration of annual budget,

member's Washington schedule, travel arrangements, personal correspondence and other administrative tasks. Strong organizational and interpersonal skills and Hill experienced desired. Please send resume and cover letter Job Referral No. 7573.

LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENT -- Very active Northeast Democrat with

prose. Opportunity to assume responsibility for legislative issues based on individual initiative, knowledge and office legislative needs. Previous Hill or public policy experience preferred. Send resume, cover letter and writing sample to Job Referral No. 7574.

SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR -- Very active Northeast Democrat seeks highly motivated, computer-literate candidate to maintain the office's computer

Quorum-based software, Windows95, Microsoft Exchange and the Internet is helpful. Background with Web page administration and design desired. Other duties include assisting with press and related activities. Send cover letter, resume and writing sample to Job Referral No. 7575.

OFFICE MANAGER -- Active Northern California Democratic member seeks enthusiastic, detail-oriented front desk office manager. Duties

flag requests, intern management, drafting of official correspondence for the member, assistance to legislative staff when needed, and general office support. Previous experience in a congressional office a plus. Please send resume and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7576.

STAFF ASSISTANT -- Senior Midwestern Democrat seeks bright, charismatic, energetic person to make a favorable impression on visitors

Applicants must be organized, detail-oriented, computer literate, able to juggle a variety of activities and possess strong writing skills. This is an entry-level position. Please send cover letter and resume to Job Referral 7577.

OFFICE MANAGER / SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR -- Moderate Midwest Democrat seeking hardworking, detail-oriented, self-starter to serve as an office

The ideal candidate should have intimate knowledge of computer equipment and software, experience with office accounts, database management and the ability to work with a team in a fast-paced environment. Hill experience preferred. Send resume with cover letter to Job Referral No. 7578.

STAFF ASSISTANT -- Progressive California Democrat seeking a staff

assistant to answer phone, open and sort mail, process flag and constituent tour requests, greet visitors and assist staff when necessary. Bilingual candidates are encouraged to apply. Please send your resume to Job Referral No. 7579.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Moderate, Midwestern Democrat seeks qualified legislative assistant to work on a variety of issues.

communication and analytical skills along with a knowledge of legislative and appropriations process is a must. Candidates should have previous Hill experience; this is not an entry-level position. Please send cover letter, resume and writing samples to Job Referral No. 7580.

PRESS SECRETARY -- Progressive House Democrat will provide exciting

experience, with committee operations, excellent writing and communication skills, ability to develop and execute aggressive press

strategy. Must be flexible, detail-oriented, and able to keep up in a fast-paced office. Job includes substantial speech writing as well as responsibility for all office communications, including Web page. Send resume, writing sample and salary history in letter to Job Referral No. 7581.

Hill legislative experience and knowledge of legislative process necessary; previous experience with committee operations, progressive policy initiatives and floor procedure helpful. Send resume, cover letter detailing interests and salary, and writing sample to Job Referral No. 7582.

PRESS SECRETARY -- Southern Democrat looking to hire a press

secretary. Position is open immediately. Two years of Hill experience preferred, may substitute campaign press experience. Salary: \$30,000. Send resume to Job Referral No. 7583.

ATTORNEY -- Democrat seeking attorney to work with House committee staff. Prior Hill experience with technical or scientific background preferred. Salary dependent on experience. Please send resume and

cover letter to Job Referral No. 7584.

STAFF ASSISTANT -- Moderate Democrat seeks staff assistant for front desk duties and tours starting in August. Must be friendly and organized. Californian and Spanish speaker preferred. Salary: \$23,000.

Please send resume and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7585.

and opening mail to letter writing and researching legislative projects.

Interested applicants should possess a strong interest in politics, a strong sense of responsibility, enthusiasm and organization. Send resume to Job Referral No. 7586.

PRESS SECRETARY -- Conservative Democrat seeks press secretary to

work in a young, active office. Capitol Hill or press experience including health care and trade. Salary commensurate with experience.

Send resumes to Job Referral No. 7587.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Moderate Southern Democrat is seeking

detail-oriented self-motivated individual. Position involves tracking legislation in various issue areas, informing member of bill progress

and responding to constituent mail. Salary commensurate with experience. Please send resume and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7588.

STAFF ASSISTANT -- Moderate Southern Democrat is seeking

highly-motivated individual to handle front desk responsibilities.

Duties include opening and sorting mail, flag / tour requests, answering

the telephone and data entry. Ideal candidate should possess strong written and verbal skills. Please send resume and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7589.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Highly-active, progressive Democratic congresswoman, prominent leader on women's issues in the House, seeks energetic legislative assistant to handle women's issues and other

domestic policy issues. Excellent analytic writing and leadership skills necessary. Advanced degree and/or significant experience with women's issues preferred. Please send resume and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7590.

INTERN -- Major House committee is seeking paid and unpaid interns for full-time and part-time positions. Opportunity to be involved in

Responsibilities would cover the spectrum from working with counsel as needed, to attending briefings for and with the staff, clerking at hearings and markups, assisting press secretary as needed, answering phones, and sorting mail. Send resume and cover letter to Job Referral No. 7591.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR -- Liberal Democrat seeks experienced

individual to handle energy and environmental issues, including committee responsibilities, and to oversee activities of other legislative staff. Salary based on experience. Please send resumes to Job Referral No. 7592.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR -- Senior New York Democrat has immediate

opening for legislative director to supervise legislative staff and

others depending on individual's background and expertise. Prior experience preferred. Excellent writing and editing skills absolutely essential. Send resume, cover letter, current salary and various writing samples to Job Referral No. 7593.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Senior Northeast Democrat seeks experienced legislative assistant to handle judiciary, economic development,

transportation, among other issues. This is not an entry-level position; some experience required. Graduate degree also a plus. Must be able to write quickly and well in a variety of forms. Send resume and writing samples to Job Referral No. 7594.

*LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Democratic Senator is seeking a legislative assistant to handle budget, appropriations, civil service,

pensions, labor, agriculture, veterans and foreign affairs. Previous legislative experience required. Send resume to Job Referral No. 7595.

*PRESS SECRETARY -- Democratic Senator is seeking press secretary to manage the media department. Responsibilities include: day-to-day public information and media relations, speaking to reporters, writing press releases, preparing radio and TV spots, newspaper columns and

speeches. Previous press experience required. Send resume to Job

Referral No. 7596.

* LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT -- Senior Midwestern Democrat seeking legislative assistant with social policy background. Three or four years of Hill experience in the areas of health care, education, welfare, social security or related areas a requirement. Excellent

writing and oral skills a must. Send resume, references and writing sample to Job Referral No. 7597.

*SCHEDULER / OFFICE MANAGER -- Progressive California Democratic member's office seeks experienced Hill scheduler / office manager for Washington office. Salary will be commensurate with experience and skills. Minimum 2 years experience in this position required. Duties

travel, vouchering expenses, and procuring office supplies and stationary. Quorum and WordPerfect proficiency strongly recommended. 60 wpm minimum. Salary history, resume and references required. Send resumes to Job Referral No. 7598.

*PRESS SECRETARY -- Texas Democrat seeks experienced press secretary with excellent writing skills for very busy office. Political

experience, great writing skills and an ability to work with a team on a strategic mail plan necessary. Send resumes to Job Referral No. 7599.

* STAFF ASSISTANT-- Busy, moderate Texas Democrat seeks

responsible and personable individual to answer phones, greet visitors, respond to constituent requests and arrange tours. Prior Hill experience a plus, but not required. Send resumes to Job Referral No.

work on a democratic staff. Excellent writing skills essential. Knowledge of both domestic and international economic issues preferred. Salary commensurate with experience. Please send resume and two writing samples to Job Referral No. 7601.

*PAID INTERN -- Progressive Midwestern Democrat seeks energetic full-time paid intern to provide general office assistance. Tasks

data entry and other clerical duties. Individuals interested in environment, natural resources, banking and finance are encouraged to apply. Please submit resume, cover letter and brief writing sample to Job Referral No. 7602.

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II. LEGISLATION REPORTED

House Staff Bulletin

(FLOORWATCH 07/21/98; 28 lines)

Item Key: 1109

Bill

Committee

BAR OSHA USE OF EMPLOYER (HR2869) Education & the Workforce
SAFETY AUDITS

APPLY OSHA TO POSTAL SERVICE (HR2873) Education & the Workforce

ENGLISH LANGUAGE FLUENCY (HR3892) Education & the Workforce

HI-TECH WORKERS VISAS (HR3736) Judiciary

ENCRYPTION TECHNOLOGY EXPORTS (HR695) Judiciary, National
Security, Commerce,

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CQ's WASHINGTON ALERT 07/21/98

V. GRANTS & REGULATIONS

House Staff Bulletin

(FLOORWATCH 07/21/98; 32 lines)

Item Key: 1112

Offices of Minority Health and Public Health and Science announce the availability of funds for the National Latino Children's Institute for dispersement to organizations to help children throughout the country in areas such as health promotion, disease prevention and education, July 16, pp. 38404-38405.

Regulations

There are no more items to excerpt.

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GREEN SHEETS EXPRESS

The Congressional Green Sheets Environment and Energy Daily Report

JULY 21, 1998: ON THE SCHEDULE

ON THE FLOOR ...

The House will take up one bill under suspension of the rules, then begin consideration of the fiscal 1999 interior and related agencies appropriations bill (HR 4193) and resume consideration of the VA-HUD-independent agencies appropriations bill (HR 4194), including fiscal 1999 funds for the Environmental Protection Agency. (See July 20 Congressional Green Sheets Weekly Bulletin, p. 7, 6.)

The Senate plans a cloture vote on the legislative branch appropriations

bill, then is scheduled to continue consideration of the fiscal 1999 commerce-justice-state appropriations bill (S 2260). (See July 20 Weekly Bulletin, p. 10.)

IN COMMITTEE: SEN. ROTH REVIVES FAST-TRACK TRADE BILL

Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth (R-Del.) will seek to revive last year's fast-track trade bill when the committee marks up a package of trade legislation Tuesday.

President Clinton last year abandoned his quest for renewal of fast-track trade authority that would have cleared the way for negotiating new free trade agreements in Latin America and Asia after it became clear that there were not enough votes in the House to pass a companion bill (HR 2621).

Senate passage of Roth's bill (S 1269) had not been in doubt, but the Senate had been waiting for the House to act first. Under fast-track procedures Congress would give expedited consideration to a free-trade bill and could not amend it.

Clinton has not pushed his politically divisive fast-track quest in this congressional election year. The legislation had been bitterly opposed by the AFL-CIO and by many Democrats who charged it failed to take account of labor and environmental concerns. Clinton had been relying on Republicans to get the bill enacted.

House Republican leaders have said they want to bring up the bill again this year.

Roth is reviving his bill as part of a package of various trade measures including one that would lower tariffs for sub-Saharan Africa. It would authorize fast-track authority until Oct. 1, 2001, and allow for an extension of a further four years. The House passed an Africa trade bill (HR 1432) on March 11 by a vote of 233-186.

Senate passage of the Roth package would presumably precipitate an eventual vote on fast-track in the House, sharply defining differences between the two parties prior to the November elections.

The Senate Finance Committee markup is scheduled for 10 a.m. today in 216 Hart.

ALSO IN COMMITTEE ...

The Senate Appropriations Committee plans to take its fiscal 1999 foreign operations funding bill directly to full committee markup, at 2:30 p.m. in 192 Dirksen. (See July 20 Weekly Bulletin, p. 14.)

The House Commerce energy and power subcommittee plans a hearing on legislation to promote the use of biodiesel fuel, at 10 a.m. in 2322 Rayburn. (See July 20 Weekly Bulletin, p. 17.)

The House Resources forests and forest health subcommittee plans a hearing on two land trade bills, followed by a markup of the two bills and a third regarding the fire liability of non-profit entities with rights of way across public lands, at 2 p.m. in 1334 Longworth. (See July 20 Weekly Bulletin, p. 14.)

The House Resources energy and natural resources subcommittee plans a hearing on two bills dealing with oil gas leases in Ohio and Wyoming and a third measure to provide sand and gravel from the outer continental shelf to storm-damaged beaches free of charge, at 2 p.m. in 1324 Longworth. The panel will not mark up the bills at the same session, as originally planned. (See July 20 Weekly Bulletin, p. 19.)

COMING UP

HOUSE SMALL BUSINESS PANEL TO EXPLORE ELECTRICITY RESTRUCTURING

A House Small Business subcommittee plans a hearing Wednesday on the effects restructuring of the electricity industry would have on small businesses.

The regulatory reform and paperwork reduction subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Sue Kelly (R-N.Y.), will hear from a variety of small-business

people on what they might face in a restructured electricity market.

Scheduled to testify are Alan Statman of Wright & Talisman and Robert O'Neil of Miller, Balis & O'Neil, both Washington, D.C., law firms; John O'Brien of the Wheeled Electric Power Company in Uniondale, N.Y.; John Wilson of J.W. Wilson & Associates, of Washington; Jon Hockenyos of TXP - Texas Perspectives, of Austin, Texas; Arthur Fletcher of the National Black Chamber of Commerce; Cliff McCourt of Day & Night Heating, of Novi, Mich.; Donald Deless of Deless Associates, of Wayne, Pa.; John Bishop of Gurnee Heating & A/C Corp., of Closter, N.J.; Charles Vernon of Newport Harbor Company, of Newport, R.I.; and Laurie Crigler of L&D Associates, of Aroda, Va.

The hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, in 311 Cannon.

IN THE NEWS

HOUSE ACTS TO CURB AIR POLLUTION FROM SOME MEXICO-BASED VEHICLES

The House on Monday approved by voice vote a bill (HR 8) aimed at air pollution from cars traveling into certain U.S. cities from Mexico that do not meet local emission standards.

The bill would allow the U.S. Customs Service to deny entry to a vehicle

without documentation of compliance with local air pollution limits if it tried to cross the border more than once in 12 months.

U.S. areas affected would be San Diego and other border cities that do not meet legal limits of ozone pollution -- so-called non-attainment areas.

(See July 20 Weekly Bulletin, p. 6.)

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HOUSE FLOOR: BILL TO SHIFT SECURITIES SUITS TO FEDERAL COURT SET TO PASS

Schedule highlights

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98)

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By CQ Staff

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Schedule highlights

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LAW/JUDICIARY: BILL TO PUT MORE CLASS-ACTION LAWSUITS IN THE FEDERAL

COURTS

By CQ Staff

The House Judiciary Committee today will mark up a bill (HR3789) that would allow a class-action lawsuit to be moved from state to federal court if any of the plaintiffs reside in different states.

No monetary threshold would apply, and Democrats warn that the change would make almost every class-action case susceptible to a transfer, swamping the federal courts.

Democrats may offer amendments that would exempt tobacco-related lawsuits and gun-related complaints.

Ranking Democrat John Conyers Jr., Mich., tried in the Courts and Intellectual Property Subcommittee to get support for a substitute amendment that would have required a Judicial Conference study of the problem, but his amendment was defeated, 2-6.

BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEES: The committee also expects to mark up legislation (HR2592) that would allow private bankruptcy trustees to contest their removal from cases. Trustees oversee a debtor's fulfillment of bankruptcy obligations.

George W. Gekas, R-Pa., has been working on a compromise that may be offered as a substitute.

The office of the U.S. Trustee, a division of the Justice Department that appoints the trustees, can remove trustees if officials suspect impropriety. The bill, sponsored by Robert W. Goodlatte, R-Va., would allow bankruptcy judges to resolve disputes after a formal hearing. Supporters argue that more oversight of the trustees is needed.

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LAW/JUDICIARY: DRUG PENALTIES, HIV TESTING BILLS MOVE THROUGH COMMITTEE

Schedule highlights

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LAW/JUDICIARY: DRUG PENALTIES, HIV TESTING BILLS MOVE THROUGH COMMITTEE

By CQ Staff

The House Judiciary Committee today will continue marking up a bill (HR3898) to increase penalties for the manufacture or trafficking of the drug methamphetamine and will consider several other measures, including a bill (HR2070) to test prisoners for the virus that causes AIDS.

After Democrats objected during last Thursday's markup to mandatory minimum sentences in the methamphetamine bill, Chairman Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., pulled it from consideration.

The bill would reduce the amounts of "meth" or "crank" that trigger mandatory minimum sentences. Trafficking in 50 grams, for instance, would carry a 10-year mandatory minimum sentence. The bill aligns sentencing rules for meth with those for crack cocaine. Democrats have long complained about mandatory minimums, insisting that judges should have discretion.

Last week, Maxine Waters, D-Calif., offered but withdrew an amendment that would have asked the U.S. Sentencing Commission to study the changes that the bill would make. She is expected to offer other amendments that were still being drafted late yesterday.

HIV TESTING: HR2070 would require federal prisoners to undergo testing for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), which causes AIDS, if a prison employee has reason to believe that he or she has been exposed to the virus because of contact with the prisoner's blood or bodily fluids.

The bill produced a lively debate at a Crime Subcommittee markup last month. Some lawmakers argued that all federal prisoners should be tested for HIV, while others expressed privacy concerns.

Today, Democrats may offer amendments to ensure that testing information is not used against prisoners in court. They also want to

prevent involuntary testing of pretrial detainees.

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OTHER EVENTS FOR JULY 21, 1998 * NEW *

Other news events

* NEW *

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OTHER EVENTS FOR JULY 21, 1998 * NEW *

By CQ Staff

MEDICARE MEETING

The Restructuring Task Force of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare will hold a meeting. The commission is chaired by Sen. John Breaux, D-La., and Rep. William Thomas, R-Calif.

9 a.m.: SH-902 Hart Bldg.

Contact: Rusty Jabour, 202-252-3394.

CHINA NEWS CONFERENCE

Family Research Council President Gary Bauer will hold a news conference to issue a yearly progress report card on China. The report assesses China in four categories: human rights, weapons proliferation, national security and economic concerns.

10 a.m.: EF-100 Capitol Bldg.

Contact: Kristin Hansen, 202-393-2100.

CHINA/MFN NEWS CONFERENCE

Rep. Philip Crane, R-Ill., will hold a news conference to release a U.S. Chamber of Commerce study on the benefits of Most Favored Nation trade status with China.

10 a.m.: B-318 Rayburn Bldg.

Contact: Ari Fleischer or Trent Duffy, 202-225-8933.

AGRICULTURE WORKERS NEWS CONFERENCE

Sens. Robert Graham, D-Fla., Gordon Smith, R-Ore., Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., Slade Gorton, R-Wash., Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Larry Craig, R-Idaho, will hold a news conference to discuss their plan to introduce the Agricultural Job Opportunity Benefits and Security Act of 1998.

11 a.m.: S-325 Capitol Bldg., (Senate Radio-TV Gallery).

Contact: Chris Hand or Marilyn Lewis, 202-224-7999.

REP. ARMEY NEWS CONFERENCE

House Majority Leader Dick Arme, R-Texas, will hold his regular weekly news conference. No cameras or recorders will be allowed.

11:30 a.m.: H-219 Capitol Bldg.

Contact: Michele Davis, 202-225-6007.

RUSSIA LECTURE

The Heritage Foundation will host a lecture entitled "Is Russia More Dangerous Than Ever?" The speaker is Stanislav Lunev, author of "Through the Eyes of the Enemy."

Noon: Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Ave. NE.

Contact: Paul Love, 202-675-1752.

Note: No cameras allowed.

HUMAN GENOME SEMINAR

The National Institutes of Health will host a seminar on "The Human Genome Project and Its Impact on Biomedical Science."

Noon: NIH, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Md., Building 10.

Contact: 301-496-2427.

UTILITIES DEREGULATION BRIEFING

The Environmental Law and Policy Center for the Midwest, the Izaak Walton League of America and the Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana will hold a briefing on the state of deregulation in the utilities industry in the Midwestern states.

Noon: National Press Club, 14th and F streets NW, Lisagor Room.

Contact: Deborah Anderson, 312-759-3400.

PENSION ISSUES NEWS CONFERENCE

Sen. Robert Graham, D-Fla., and Senate Aging Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, will hold a news conference on pension security legislation.

Noon: S-325 Capitol Bldg., (Senate Radio-TV Gallery).

Contact: 202-224-3041 or 202-224-3744.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FORUM

The Center for Jewish and Christian Values will hold a forum on President Clinton's trip to China, focusing on religious liberties. Participants include Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and (invited) John Shattuck, assistant secretary of State for democracy, human rights and labor.

12:30 p.m.: SD-628 Dirksen Bldg.

Contact: Joseph Grieboski, 202-682-9571.

HEALTH INSURANCE BRIEFING

Rep. Harris Fawell, R-Ill., and House Small Business Committee Chairman James Talent, R-Mo., will hold a briefing to discuss a GOP proposal to help Americans without health insurance gain coverage.

1 p.m.: 2261 Rayburn Bldg.

Contact: Jay Diskey, 202-225-4527; or Kristen Young, 202-225-2561.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE NEWS CONFERENCE

Senate Labor and Human Resources Chairman Jim Jeffords, R-Vt., will

join Reps. Joe Moakley, D-Mass., and Jack Quinn, R-N.Y., and Sens.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., and Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, at a news conference to discuss their support for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

1 p.m.: S-325 Capitol Bldg., (Senate Radio-TV Gallery).

Contact: 202-224-5141 or 202-225-3306.

SOCIAL SECURITY SEMINAR

Americans for Democratic Action, Inc. will host a seminar on on "Social Security: Come Hear the Analysis That Wall Street Doesn't Want You to Hear." Participants include Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y.

3:30 p.m.: HC-4 Capitol Bldg.

Contact: Molly Magnuson, 202-785-5980.

SOCIAL WELFARE FORUM

The Cato Institute will hold a book forum titled, "Social Welfare and Individual Responsibility." Participants include David Shmidtz of the University of Arizona; Jamin Raskin of American University; and Adam Wolfson, executive editor of "The Public Interest."

4 p.m.: Cato Institute 1000 Massachusetts Ave. NW.

Contact:James Markels, 202-371-0841.

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TRADE: FAST-TRACK TRADING AUTHORITY BACK BEFORE SENATE FINANCE

Schedule highlights

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98)

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TRADE: FAST-TRACK TRADING AUTHORITY BACK BEFORE SENATE FINANCE

By CQ Staff

The Senate Finance Committee today will mark up a sweeping trade bill that includes language granting the president fast-track trade authority.

Chairman William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., released details of the draft bill last week. The measure takes the first formal step toward making fast-track authority, which would allow the president to submit trade agreements to the Senate for up-or-down votes without amendment, a key issue in election campaigns.

Efforts to approve fast track last fall failed when the White House and Republicans failed to secure the votes needed for House passage.

The bill will also include a slightly altered version of a House-passed bill (HR1432) to promote trade in sub-Saharan Africa, and the text of a Senate bill (S1216) to implement an international shipbuilding trade agreement.

The bill would grant Mongolia permanent most-favored-nation trade status -- a status that will be known as "normal trade relations" today after President Clinton signs into law a bill to overhaul the Internal Revenue Service (HR2676). Language to change the trade term was attached to the final version of the IRS bill.

The bill also would reduce tariffs on some wool fabrics and extend through 2000 the Trade Adjustment Assistance program, which provides training to workers in communities where jobs are lost as a result of trade agreements.

It also includes a provision that would allow Caribbean and Central American nations covered by the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI) to export some products to the United States free of duties and quotas.

The bill would reauthorize the now-expired Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), which allows the president to extend duty-free treatment to imports from countries designated as developing nations.

Farm groups and business leaders are urging Congress to act on fast track this year, but the White House has been unenthusiastic about the prospect of moving the legislation through Congress in an election year.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., promised last month that the House would vote this year on granting the president fast-track trade negotiating authority, and said he had talked to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., about having the Senate act first to generate momentum for the bill.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ISSUES

Future other news events

* New *

(SCHEDULE 07/27/98)

Item Key: 158

SOCIAL SECURITY ISSUES * New *

National Council of Senior Citizens will sponsor an event to highlight the need to protect and preserve Social Security benefits and insure the continued financial stability of the Social Security system.

Participants include Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., Rep. Patsy Mink, D-Hawaii, and Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy, D-R.I.

July 27 11:45 am Capitol reflecting pool, bordering 3rd St. on west side of Capitol Bldg.

Contact: Patrick Burne at 301-578-8883 or Kim Hill at 301-578-8925

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GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT BILLS

Full Committee Markup

Future House committees

* New *

(SCHEDULE 07/23/98; Government Reform & Oversight)

Item Key: 102

GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT BILLS * New *

Full Committee Markup

House Government Reform and Oversight Committee (Chairman Burton, R-Ind.) will hold a hearing to mark up pending legislation.

July 23 10:00 am 2154 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR4237 - A bill to amend the District of Columbia Convention Center and Sports Arena Authorization Act of 1995 to revise the revenues and activities covered under such act, and for other purposes.

HR2508 - A bill to provide for the conveyance of federal land in San Joaquin County, Calif., to the city of Tracy, Calif.

HR4243 - A bill to reduce waste, fraud and error in government programs by making improvements with respect to federal management and debt collection practices, federal payment systems and federal benefit programs, and for other purposes.

HR4244 - A bill to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S. Code 401 et seq.) to provide for measurement of the performance of the federal procurement system, to enhance the training of the acquisition workforce, and for other purposes.

HR3725 - A bill to make the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 applicable to the U.S. Postal Service in the same manner as any other employer.

HR2526 - A bill to amend title 5, U.S. Code, to make the percentage

limitations on individual contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan more consistent with the dollar amount limitation on elective deferrals, and for other purposes.

HR2566 - A bill to amend title 5, U.S. Code, to expand the class of individuals under the Civil Service Retirement System eligible to elect the option under which the deposit which is normally required in connection with a refund previously taken may instead be made up through an actuarially equivalent annuity reduction.

HR2943 - A bill to amend title 5, U. S. Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor, and for other purposes.

HR4259 - A bill to allow Haskell Indian Nations University and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute each to conduct a demonstration project to test the feasibility and desirability of new personnel management policies and procedures, and for other purposes.

HR --- - A bill to allow federal agencies to use money appropriated for salaries to help their employees pay for child care.

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FEC NOMINATIONS

Confirmation Hearing

Senate Committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98; Rules & Administration)

Item Key: 31

FEC NOMINATIONS * Revised *

Confirmation Hearing

Senate Rules and Administration Committee (Chairman Warner, R-Va.) will hold a confirmation hearing on nominations to the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

July 21 9:00 am SR-301 Russell Bldg.

Nominations:

Scott Thomas, David Mason, Darryl Ward, Carl Sandstrom to be members, FEC

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CIVIL SERVICE BILLS

Subcommittee Markup

House Committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98; Government Reform & Oversight -- Subcommittee on
Civil Service)

Item Key: 35

CIVIL SERVICE BILLS * Revised *

Subcommittee Markup

Civil Service Subcommittee (Chairman Mica, R-Fla.) of House Government
Reform and Oversight Committee will mark up pending legislation.

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TRANSFER OF MISSILE TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA

Future Senate committees * Revised *

(SCHEDULE 07/22/98; Commerce, Science & Transportation)

Item Key: 52

TRANSFER OF MISSILE TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA * Revised *

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (Chairman McCain, R-Ariz.) will hold a hearing on the transfer of sensitive missile technology to China.

July 22 9:30 am SR-253 Russell Bldg.

Witnesses scheduled:

PANEL:

John Holum - acting under secretary of State for international security affairs; Franklin Miller - principal deputy assistant secretary of Defense; William Reinsch - under secretary of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration

PANEL:

Paul Freedenberg - international trade consultant, Baker & Botts; Kathrine Schinasi - associate director, Defense Acquisitions Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; Henry Sokolski - executive director, Non-Proliferation Policy Education Center

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ENERGY SECRETARY NOMINATION

Confirmation Hearing

Future Senate committees

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(SCHEDULE 07/22/98; Energy & Natural Resources)

Item Key: 59

ENERGY SECRETARY NOMINATION * Revised *

Confirmation Hearing

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Chairman Murkowski,
R-Alaska) will hold a confirmation hearing on the nomination of Bill
Richardson to be secretary of Energy.

July 22 9:30 am SH-216 Hart Bldg.

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STATE DEPARTMENT NOMINATIONS

Confirmation Hearing

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(SCHEDULE 07/22/98; Foreign Relations)

Item Key: 67

STATE DEPARTMENT NOMINATIONS * New *

Confirmation Hearing

Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Chairman Helms, R-N.C.) will hold a confirmation hearing on pending nominations.

July 22 4:00 pm SD-419 Dirksen Bldg.

Nominations:

David G. Carpenter to be assistant secretary of State for
diplomatic security

Bert T. Edwards to be chief financial officer, State
Department

Jonathan H. Spalter to be associate director, Bureau of
Information, U.S. Information Agency

Note: Sen. Grams. R-Minn., will preside

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IMPACT OF SATELLITE EXPORT CONTROLS

Future Senate committees

* New *

(SCHEDULE 07/29/98; Governmental Affairs --)

Item Key: 71

IMPACT OF SATELLITE EXPORT CONTROLS * New *

International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee

(Chairman Cochran, R-Miss.) of Senate Governmental Affairs Committee

will hold a hearing on the impact on industry of satellite export

controls.

July 29 10:00 am SD-342 Dirksen Bldg.

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CLASSIFICATION OF BIODIESEL AS ALTERNATIVE FUEL

House Committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 07/21/98; Commerce -- Subcommittee on Energy and Power)

Item Key: 25

CLASSIFICATION OF BIODIESEL AS ALTERNATIVE FUEL * Revised *

Energy and Power Subcommittee (Chairman Schaefer, R-Colo.) of House Commerce Committee will hold a hearing on legislation that would amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992, which set Federal requirements on the use of alternative fuel vehicles such as ethanol-powered cars. The act required Federal, State, and city fleets to use vehicles that are cleaner and better for our environment. This act listed fuels and vehicle types that can be used by fleet managers to comply with this act. However, biodiesel was not one of the listed alternative fuels at the time because the industry was new, untested and unproven. The hearing will focus on a bill that would include biodiesel as an alternative fuel under the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Biodiesel is a renewable alternative fuel for diesel engines derived from soybeans. Once biodiesel is classified as an alternative fuel under this bill, it can be used immediately in conventional diesel engines with no engine modifications needed.

July 21 10:00 am 2322 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda:

HR2568 - A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to take into

account newly developed renewable energy-based fuels and to equalize alternative fuel vehicle acquisition incentives to increase the flexibility of controlled fleet owners and operators, and for other purposes.

Witnesses scheduled:

Thomas Gross - deputy assistant secretary of Energy for transportation technologies; John Campbell - corporate vice president, AG Processing Inc.; Jim Gay - president, National Biodiesel Board; Gill Sperling - general counsel, Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition; Bob Sellers - supervisor of maintenance, Kansas City Area Transit Authority; Russ Teall - director of legislative affairs, Biodiesel Development Corporation

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Future House committees

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(SCHEDULE 07/22/98-07/23/98; Government Reform & Oversight -- Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice)

Item Key: 105

SUBSTANCE ABUSE * Revised *

National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice
Subcommittee (Chairman Hastert, R-Ill.) of House Government Reform and
Oversight Committee will hold a series of hearings on substance abuse
and related issues.

July 22 10:00 am 2154 Rayburn Bldg.

July 23 1:00 pm 2154 Rayburn Bldg.

Agenda & witnesses scheduled:

July 22

Drug Treatment Programs:

Marsha Blanton - associate director, General Accounting
Office; Donald Vereen - Office of National Drug Control
Policy; Sally Satel - psychiatrist and author; Eric Wish -
drug treatment researcher; Raymond Soucek - president,
Haymarket Center; Arthur Pratt - Life Effectiveness Training

July 23

Substance Abuse and Pregnant Women

Rep. Tom Latham, R-Iowa; Charles Condon - attorney general,
State of South Carolina; Catherine Christophillis - director

of drug prosecution, State of South Carolina; Reuben
Greenberg - chief of police, Charleston, S.C.; Paula Keller
- director, Serenity Place; Shirley B. Brown - Medical
University of South Carolina; Joanne Huelsman - state
senator, Wisconsin; William J. Domina - Office of
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GUN CONTROL ISSUES * New *

Violence Policy Center will sponsor a breakfast briefing on gun control
issues.

July 23 9:30 am Zenger Room, National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW

Contact: Carolyn Puglia at 202-822-8200, ext. 106

Agenda:

- 1) Target markets
- 2) The Brady law, Act ii
- 3) High-tech answers to gun violence
- 4) Taking gun industry to court

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By CQ Staff

The House International Relations Committee is scheduled to mark up a bill (HR3743) today that would bar the use of any U.S. contributions to international organizations to support nuclear power plants in Iran.

With the aid of Russian scientists and technical assistance, Iran is currently building a \$1 billion nuclear power plant in Bushehr. Lawmakers are concerned that in building civilian nuclear power plants, Iran will gain access to the technology and expertise necessary to develop a nuclear weapons program. Bill sponsors say that Iran has announced plans to build three nuclear power plants by 2015.

The measure would prohibit international organizations such as the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) from using U.S. funds in Iran's nuclear power program. It also would order the U.S. representative to the IAEA to oppose all programs and funding that promote the development of the Bushehr plant or any other nuclear development in Iran. Bill sponsors contend that the IAEA plans to provide about \$1.3 million to complete Bushehr.

The measure also would require the State Department to annually review IAEA programs to determine if they are consistent with non-proliferation policies.

Created to verify compliance of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), the IAEA does not directly aid in the construction and

development of nuclear power plants, an agency source explained. Instead its funds go to checking whether civilian nuclear projects are being used for military purposes. The agency employs about 200 inspectors to ensure compliance by signatories to the NPT, including Iran.

AFRICA AID: The committee is also set to debate a bill (HR3636) that would require the U.S. Agency for International Development to develop a strategy for providing credits to assist agricultural and rural development in the famine-plagued sub-Saharan Africa region.

The bill would also urge the Overseas Private Investment Corporation to extend certain loans and funding to sub-Saharan nations, such as South Africa, Kenya and Uganda.

OTHER MEASURES: The panel has several other measures on its agenda for the markup scheduled for today and tomorrow, including a bill (HR4095) calling on the president to negotiate with the 27 other signatories of the Wassenaar Arrangement, a 1995 international conventional arms control agreement, on restricting arms transfers to countries that abuse human rights, do not respect democratic processes or engage in acts of "armed aggression."

Also on the agenda is a resolution (HJRES125) that would condemn Iraq for its defiance of a U.N. Security Council resolution requiring the disclosure and destruction of its chemical and nuclear arsenal; a non-binding resolution (HCONRES254) urging Cuba to return to the United States convicted killer Joanne Chesimard and 90 other criminals who fled

to Cuba to avoid prosecution or imprisonment; and a resolution (HCONRES224) that would urge international cooperation in child abduction cases involving foreign nationals who take U.S. children to other nations.

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