Miccosukee Settlement Act: H.R. 1476, to settle certain Miccosukee Indian land takings claims within the State of Florida (with 2/3 required for passage, failed to pass by a yea and nay vote of 229 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 488); and


Order of Business—Suspensions: Agreed by unanimous consent that further consideration of remaining motions to suspend the rules postponed from Monday, September 29 be postponed until Monday, October 6.

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8267, H8278, H8280.


Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT STATEMENT
Committee on Agriculture. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review the USDA’s Government Performance and Results Act statement. Testimony was heard from Robert Robinson, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; and Irwin David, Acting Chief Financial Officer, USDA.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD—ACCOUNTING RULES FOR DERIVATIVES

$50 BILLS—PRINTING FLAWS
Committee on Banking and Financial Services. Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on Printing Flaws on the Redesigned $50 Bills. Testimony was heard from Larry Rolufs, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Department of the Treasury; Theodore E. Allison, Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve System; and Bernard Ungar, Director, Government Business, GAO.

IMPLEMENTATION—CLEAN AIR ACT NAAQS REVISIONS—OZONE AND PARTICULATE MATTER
Committee on Commerce. Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on the Implementation of the Clean Air Act National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) Revisions for Ozone and Particulate Matter. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA; William A. Walaska, Senator, State of Rhode Island; Steve Morse, Senator, State of Minnesota; Brian Frosh, Senator, State of Maryland; Pat McCrory, Mayor, Charlotte, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

EMERGENCY STUDENT LOAN CONSOLIDATION ACT

CONTRACTING OUT—SUCCESSES AND FAILURES
Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on “Contracting Out—Successes and Failures.” Testimony was heard from G. Edward DeSeve, Acting Deputy Director, Management, OMB; John Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary, (Industrial Affairs and Installations), Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AND GLOBAL TERRORISM THREAT
Committee on International Relations. Held a hearing on the Threat from International Organized Crime and Global Terrorism. Testimony was heard from Louis J. Freeh, Director, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

KENYA SITUATION
Committee on International Relations. Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action amended H. Con. Res. 130, concerning the situation in Kenya.
Oversight—Marihuana Referenda in America
Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on marihuana referenda movement in America. Testimony was heard from Barry McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and public witnesses.

Army Reports—Corrective Actions—Sexual Misconduct Cases
Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Department of the Army reports on and corrective actions related to recent cases of sexual misconduct and related matters. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Lt. Gen. Jared L. Bates, USA, Inspector General; Maj. Gen. Richard S. Pieper, USA, Chair, Senior Review Panel on Sexual Harassment; Brig. Gen. Evelyn P. Foote, USA, Special Assistant to the Secretary; Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary; and Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff.

Russian Nuclear Weapons Security
Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on security of Russian nuclear weapons. Testimony was heard from Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, Director, Office of Emergency Response Defense Programs, Department of Energy; Arnold S. Warshawsky, Technology Assessment Group, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

Miscellaneous Measures
Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 151, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should manage its public domain National Forests to maximize the reduction of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere among many other objectives and that the United States should serve as an example and as a world leader in actively managing its public domain national forests in a manner that substantially reduces the amount of carbon dioxide added to the atmosphere; H.R. 1856, amended, Volunteers for Wildlife Act of 1997; H.R. 2000, amended, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarifications to the land bank protection provisions; H.R. 2259, King Cove Health and Safety Act of 1997; and H.R. 2402, amended, Water-Related Technical Corrections Act of 1997.

American Land Sovereignty Protection Act
Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule, providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 901, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act. The rule makes in order the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read. The rule also makes in order an amendment to be offered by Representative Miller of California or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be debateable for 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that House Resolution 243 is laid on the table.

Space Shuttle Safety
Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Space Shuttle Safety. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Wilbur Trafton, Associate Administrator, Office of Human Space Flight; and Paul M. Johnstone, Chairman, Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel; Allen Li, Associate Director, GAO; and a public witness.

FAA’s Wide Area Augmentation System—Allegations of Cost Overruns and Delays
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on allegations of cost overruns and delays in the FAA’s wide area augmentation system (WAAS). Testimony was heard from Gerald L. Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; and George L. Donohue, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions, FAA; John R. Landon, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Space Systems and Architectures, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

Laogai Slave Labor Products Act

Joint Meetings
Appropriations—Interior
Conferees on Tuesday, September 30, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.