

DEBT LIMIT EXTENSION

Committee on Rules: Granted a rule providing for consideration in the House of H.R. 5395, to increase the statutory limit on the public debt. Waives all points of order against the bill and against its consideration. The rule provides 1 hour of debate to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Ways and Means Committee. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rostenkowski.

DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL EXPENDABLE LAUNCH VEHICLE INDUSTRY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space Science and Applications held a hearing to encourage the development of commercial expendable launch vehicle industry. Testimony was heard from James C. Fletcher, Administrator, NASA; James Burnley, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; Brig. Gen. Robert Rankine, Director, Space Systems Command, Control and Communications, Department of the Air Force; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

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Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported H.R. 5395, to increase the statutory limit on the public debt.

Joint Meetings**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REORGANIZATION ACT**

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3622, to reorganize and strengthen certain elements of the Department of Defense, to improve the military advice provided the President, the National Security Council, and the Secretary of Defense, to enhance the effectiveness of military operations, to increase attention to the formulation of strategy and to contingency planning, to provide for the more efficient use of resources, and to strengthen civilian authority in the Department of Defense, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS AMENDMENTS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on H.R. 4421, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1987, 1988, 1989, and 1990 for Head Start, Follow Through, de-

pendent care, community services block grant, and community food and nutrition programs.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 1965, to revise certain provisions and to authorize funds for programs for the Higher Education Act, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

ELECTRIC CONSUMERS PROTECTION ACT

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 426, to provide more protection to electric consumers, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

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Thursday, August 14, 1986

Senate**Chamber Action**

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2756-2764, S.J. Res. 399-401, and S. Res. 480-481.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S.J. Res. 325, to approve the "Compact of Free Association" between the United States and the Government of Palau, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with a preamble. (S. Rept. No. 99-403)

S. 2759, relating to telephone services for Senators. (S. Rept. No. 99-404)

S.J. Res. 269, to provide for the reappointment of David C. Acheson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. (S. Rept. No. 99-405)

H.R. 5294, making appropriations for the Department of the Treasury, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and Independent Agencies, for fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 99-406)

S. 2055, to establish the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 4175, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1987 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation and the Federal Maritime Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 99-407)