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

MEASURE: HR3514

SPONSOR: Conyers (D-MI)

BRIEF TITLE: Violence Against Women Act of 1998.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to prevent violence against women, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 03/19/98

COSPONSORS: 137 (Dems: 128 Reps: 8 Ind: 1)

COMMITTEES: House Banking and Financial Services

House Judiciary

House National Security

House Ways and Means

House Government Reform and Oversight

House Commerce

House Education and the Workforce

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Minge (D-MN)

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

MEASURE: S2206

SPONSOR: Coats (R-IN)

BRIEF TITLE: Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home
Energy Assistance Act of 1981 and the Community
Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make
improvements to those acts, to establish demonstration
projects that provide an opportunity for persons with
limited means to accumulate assets, and for other
purposes.

INTRODUCED: 06/23/98

COSPONSORS: 3 (Dems: 2 Reps: 1 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: Senate Labor and Human Resources

RELATED BILLS: See HR4254, HR4271

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 OBERSTAR, D-Minn., House speech: Personal explanation
of roll call vote no. 426. (CR p. E1719)

09/15/98 RYUN, R-Kan., House speech: Personal explanation of
roll call vote no. 426. (CR p. E1721)

09/15/98 PICKERING, R-Miss., House speech: Personal explanation
of roll call vote no. 426 (CR p. E1723)

09/15/98 ROS-LEHTINEN, R-Fla., House speech: Personal
explanation of roll call vote no. 426.
(CR p. E1723)

09/15/98 STABENOW, D-Mich., House speech: Personal explanation
of roll call vote no. 426.
(CR p. E1728)

MEASURE: HR3880

SPONSOR: Martinez (D-CA)

BRIEF TITLE: Human Services Amendments of 1998.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999,
2000, 2001, and 2002 to carry out the Head Start Act, the
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the
Community Services Block Grant Act, and for other
purposes.

INTRODUCED: 05/14/98

COSPONSORS: 14 (Dems: 13 Reps: 0 Ind: 1)

COMMITTEES: House Commerce

House Education and the Workforce

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Menendez (D-NJ)

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

MEASURE: HR4194

SPONSOR: Lewis (R-CA)

BRIEF TITLE: Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban
Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act,
1999.

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

INTRODUCED: 07/08/98

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

COMMITTEES: House Appropriations
House Rules

RELATED BILLS: See S2168, HRes501

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Considered by the House. (CR p. H7714-H7716, H7782-H7783)

09/15/98 LEWIS, R-Calif., unanimous consent request that the House

disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a
conference with the Senate, agreed to by unanimous
consent. (see CR p.H7714) (CR p. H7714-H7716,
H7782-H7783)

09/15/98 House conferees named: LEWIS, R-Calif.; DELAY, R-Texas;

WALSH, R-N.Y.; HOBSON, R-Ohio; KNOLLENBERG, R-Mich.;
FRELINGHUYSEN, R-N.J.; NEUMANN, R-Wis.; WICKER, R-Miss.;
LIVINGSTON, R-La.; STOKES, D-Ohio; MOLLOHAN, D-W.Va.;
KAPTUR, D-Ohio; MEEK, D-Fla.; PRICE, D-N.C.; and OBEY,
D-Wis. (CR p. H7783)

09/15/98 OBEY, D-Wis., motion to instruct House conferees to

insist on the House position providing a total of
\$17,361,395,998 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs
medical account, agreed to by yea-nay vote: 405-0. (see
CR p.H7783) (House Vote 434) (CR p. H7714-H7716,
H7782-H7783)

09/15/98 JOHNSON, R-Conn., House speech: Personal explanation of
roll call vote no. 434. (CR p. H7783)

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

MEASURE: HR4101

SPONSOR: Skeen (R-NM)

OFFICIAL TITLE: 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.

INTRODUCED: 06/19/98

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

COMMITTEES: House Appropriations
House Rules

RELATED BILLS: See S2159, HRes482

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Considered by the House. (CR p. H7700-H7708)

09/15/98 SKEEN, R-N.M., unanimous consent request that the House

disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a
conference with the Senate, agreed to by unanimous
consent. (see CR p.H7700) (CR p. H7700-H7708)

09/15/98 House conferees named: SKEEN, R-N.M.; WALSH, R-N.Y.;

DICKEY, R-Ark.; KINGSTON, R-Ga.; NETHERCUTT, R-Wash.;
BONILLA, R-Texas; LATHAM, R-Iowa; LIVINGSTON, R-La.;
KAPTUR, D-Ohio; FAZIO, D-Calif.; SERRANO, D-N.Y.;
DELAURO, D-Conn.; and OBEY, D-Wis. (CR p. H7708)

09/15/98 KAPTUR, D-Ohio, motion to instruct House conferees to

agree with the provisions of the Senate amendment which
provide funding for agricultural disaster assistance and
reserve inventories, including the designation of such
funds as an emergency requirement under section
251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
Control Act of 1985, and with no offsetting reductions as
provided in the Senate amendment, agreed to by yea-nay
vote: 331-66. (see CR p.H7708) (House Vote 430) (CR p.
H7700-H7708)

09/15/98 OBERSTAR, D-Minn., House speech: Personal explanation
of roll call vote no. 430. (CR p. E1719)

09/15/98 STABENOW, D-Mich., House speech: Personal explanation
of roll call vote no. 430. (CR p. E1728)

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

MEASURE: HR3511

SPONSOR: Thomas (R-CA)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to
authorize the secretary of Health and Human Services
to provide additional exceptions to the imposition of
civil money penalties in cases of payments to
beneficiaries.

INTRODUCED: 03/19/98

COSPONSORS: 30 (Dems: 14 Reps: 16 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means
House Commerce

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Subcommittee consideration and markup held by the House

Ways & Means Committee, Subcommittee on Health. (CR p.
D980)

09/15/98 ** SUBCOMMITTEE VOTE ** HR3511. Medicare Fraud

Exceptions/Approval. Amend the Health Insurance
Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) to
allow the Inspector General of the Health and Human
Services Department to create exceptions to fraud and
abuse rules to exclude specific practices from HIPAA.
Allow medical facilities to obtain advisory opinions from
the Inspector General on whether payment of coinsurance
or other premiums violates HIPAA's fraud and abuse
provisions. Approved for full committee consideration by
voice vote September 15, 1998.

09/15/98 Approved for full committee action by the House Ways &
Means Committee, Subcommittee on Health. (CR p. D980)

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

MEASURE: S2237

SPONSOR: Gorton (R-WA)

OFFICIAL TITLE: An original bill making appropriations for the Department
of the Interior related agencies for the fiscal year
ending Sept. 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 06/26/98

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

COMMITTEES: Senate Appropriations

RELATED BILLS: See HR3607

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 BUMPERS, D-Ark., amendment introduced in Senate: number
3591 (text) (CR p. S10388-S10389)

09/15/98 ENZI, R-Wyo., amendment introduced in Senate: number 3592
(text) (CR p. S10389)

09/15/98 ASHCROFT, R-Mo., amendment introduced in Senate: number
3593 (text) (CR p. S10389)

09/15/98 Considered and amended by the Senate. (CR p.
S10335-S10368, S10391)

09/15/98 DASCHLE, D-S.D., amendment no. 3581, to provide emergency assistance to agricultural producers, pending at recess.
(CR p. S10335-S10378, S10391)

09/15/98 BUMPERS, D-Ark., amendment no. 3591, to strike provisions requiring a report from the National Academy of Sciences reviewing the adequacy of existing federal and state environmental regulations applicable to exploration and mining on Federal lands, tabled by yea-nay vote: 58-40. (see CR p.S10356) (Senate Vote 268) (CR p. S10337-S10356)

09/15/98 ENZI, R-Wyo., amendment no. 3592, to prohibit the secretary of the Interior from promulgating certain regulations relating to Indian gaming and to prohibit the secretary from approving class III gaming without state approval, agreed to by voice vote. (see CR p.S10371) (CR p. S10356-S10371)

09/15/98 ASHCROFT, R-Mo., amendment no. 3593, to eliminate funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and to transfer available funds for the operation of the National Park System, tabled by yea-nay vote: 76-22. (see CR p.S10378) (Senate Vote 269) (CR p. S10371-S10378)

09/15/98 FORD, D-Ky., Senate speech: Opposes transferring

administrative authority of Land Between the Lakes from
the Tennessee Valley Authority. (CR p. S10379)

09/18/98 ** Scheduled action ** Senate floor: may continue
consideration

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

MEASURE: HR3125

SPONSOR: Houghton (R-NY)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to
extend the work opportunity credit for three years.

INTRODUCED: 01/28/98

COSPONSORS: 51 (Dems: 28 Reps: 23 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means

RELATED BILLS: See HR1729

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Burton, D. (R-IN)

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

MEASURE: S1862

SPONSOR: DeWine (R-OH)

BRIEF TITLE: Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to provide assistance for poison prevention and
to stabilize the funding of regional poison control
centers.

INTRODUCED: 03/25/98

COSPONSORS: 17 (Dems: 9 Reps: 8 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: Senate Labor and Human Resources

RELATED BILLS: See HR3862

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Wyden (D-OR)

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

MEASURE: HR297

SPONSOR: Shays (R-CT)

BRIEF TITLE: Prostate Cancer Research Amendments of 1997.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to
provide for programs of research on prostate cancer.

INTRODUCED: 01/07/97

COSPONSORS: 15 (Dems: 14 Reps: 0 Ind: 1)

COMMITTEES: House Commerce

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Sanders (I-VT)

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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

RELATED BILLS: See S1882, HRes411

See also HR877, HR980, HR1980, HR2088, HR2981,
HR3727, HR3755, HRes321

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Conference held. (CR p. D980-D981)

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

MEASURE: HR857

SPONSOR: Neumann (R-WI)

BRIEF TITLE: Social Security Preservation Act of 1997.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to
ensure the integrity of the Social Security trust
funds by requiring the managing trustee to invest the
annual surplus of such trust funds in marketable
interest-bearing obligations of the United States and

certificates of deposit in depository institutions insured
by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and to
protect such trust funds from the public debt limit.

INTRODUCED: 02/27/97

COSPONSORS: 92 (Dems: 9 Reps: 83 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Danner (D-MO)

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

MEASURE: HR3008

SPONSOR: Neumann (R-WI)

BRIEF TITLE: Notch Fairness Act of 1997.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to
allow workers who attain age 65 after 1981 and before 1992
to choose either lump sum payments over four years
totalling \$5,000 or an improved benefit computation
formula under a new 10-year rule governing the transition
to the changes in benefit computation rules enacted in the
Social Security Amendments of 1977, and for other
purposes.

INTRODUCED: 11/09/97

COSPONSORS: 52 (Dems: 29 Reps: 23 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Budget
House Ways and Means

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Kingston, J. (R-GA)

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

MEASURE: HR2273

SPONSOR: Jefferson (D-LA)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to
provide that the reductions in Social Security
benefits which are required in the case of spouses and
surviving spouses who are also receiving certain
government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which
the total amount of combined monthly benefit (before
reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200.

INTRODUCED: 07/25/97

COSPONSORS: 179 (Dems: 149 Reps: 29 Ind: 1)

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means

RELATED BILLS: See S1365

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 7

Boswell (D-IA) McCollum (R-FL) Spratt (D-SC)

Foley, M. (R-FL) Romero-Barcelo (D-PR)

Fox (R-PA) Roybal-Allard (D-CA)

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

MEASURE: HR4197

SPONSOR: Barr (R-GA)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to repeal section 656 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, to prohibit federal agencies from construing federal law as authorizing the establishment of a national identification card, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 07/14/98

COSPONSORS: 23 (Dems: 0 Reps: 23 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Government Reform and Oversight

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Shadegg (R-AZ)

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

MEASURE: HR4558

SPONSOR: Shaw (R-FL)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to make technical amendments to clarify the
provision of benefits for noncitizens, and to improve the
provision of unemployment insurance, child support and
supplemental security income benefits.

INTRODUCED: 09/14/98

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

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means
House Commerce

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Subcommittee consideration and markup held by the House
Ways & Means Committee, Subcommittee on Human Resources.
(CR p. D980)

09/15/98 ** SUBCOMMITTEE VOTE ** HR4558. Welfare Benefit

Changes/Approval. Remove the Sept. 30, 1998 cut-off date from current law for those "non-qualified" aliens who were receiving Supplemental Security Income after Aug. 22, 1996. Permanently extend the authorization for Self-Employment Assistance programs. Revise penalties for state failure to meet child support data processing deadlines such that states failing to comply with 1996 welfare law (PL 104-193) requirements may have penalties reduced by 20 percent for each performance measure for which it achieves a maximum score. Allow those professionals who are not residents of the United States to maintain the U.S. professional licenses -- or renew the licenses -- while living abroad. Clarify that the one year obligation requirement of Welfare-to-Work funds does not apply to: substate areas; to the 15 percent funds for special projects controlled by governors; and to the funds for states that have only one service delivery area. Exclude from SSI eligibility and benefit calculations cash awards of no more than \$2,000 made by tax-exempt organizations to children with life-threatening conditions. Give the Social Security Administration the authority to collect SSI overpayments by offsetting Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance benefits, with a maximum monthly offset of no more than 10 percent of the benefit. Approved for full committee

consideration by voice vote September 15, 1998.

09/15/98 Approved for full committee action by the House Ways &
Means Committee, Subcommittee on Human Resources. (CR p.
D980)

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

MEASURE: S955

SPONSOR: McConnell (R-KY)

OFFICIAL TITLE: An original bill making appropriations for foreign
operations, export financing, related programs for the
fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 06/24/97

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

COMMITTEES: Senate Appropriations

RELATED BILLS: See HR2159, HR2284, HR4569

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 *** Related measure (HR4569) introduced in House. ***

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

MEASURE: HR2159

SPONSOR: Callahan (R-AL)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill making appropriations for foreign operations,
export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year
ending Sept. 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 07/14/97

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

COMMITTEES: House Appropriations
Conference Committee

PUBLIC LAW: PL 105-118 (111 Stat. 2386)

RELATED BILLS: See S955, HR611, HR1182, HR1802, HR4569, HRes185,
HRes323

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 *** Related measure (HR4569) introduced in House. ***

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

MEASURE: HR4571

SPONSOR: Goodlatte (R-VA)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to
eliminate additional funds authorized to be appropriated
for fiscal years 1999 and 2002 for employment and training
programs, and to require the secretary of Agriculture to
purchase additional commodities for distribution under
section 214 of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of
1983 for fiscal years 1999 through 2002.

INTRODUCED: 09/15/98

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

COMMITTEES: House Agriculture

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Referred to Committee on Agriculture (CR p. H7802)

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

MEASURE: HR4576

SPONSOR: Waters (D-CA)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend section 106 of the Child Abuse

Prevention and Treatment Act and subpart 1 of part B of
title IV of the Social Security Act to require states
receiving funds under such provisions to have in effect a
state law providing for a criminal penalty on an
individual who fails to report having knowledge of another
individual's commission of a crime of violence or a sex
crime against a person under the age of 18.

INTRODUCED: 09/15/98

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

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means

House Education and the Workforce

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Referred to Committee on Education and the Workforce,

Committee on Ways and Means (for a period to be
subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for
consideration of such provisions as fall within the
jurisdiction of the committee concerned) (CR p.
H7802-H7803)

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

MEASURE: HR4252

SPONSOR: English (R-PA)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act
to revise the interim payment system for home health
care furnished to Medicare beneficiaries.

INTRODUCED: 07/16/98

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

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means
House Commerce

RELATED BILLS: See S1643

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1
Baldacci (D-ME)

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

MEASURE: HR4339

SPONSOR: Rahall (D-WV)

BRIEF TITLE: Medicare Home Health Beneficiary Protection Act of
1998.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act
to impose a moratorium on the implementation of the per
beneficiary limits under the interim payment system for
home health agencies and to modify the standards for
calculating the per visit cost limits and the rates for
prospective payment systems under the Medicare home
health benefit to achieve fair reimbursement payment
rates, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 07/27/98

COSPONSORS: 66 (Dems: 45 Reps: 20 Ind: 1)

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means
House Commerce

RELATED BILLS: See S2354

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Hooley (D-OR)

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

MEASURE: HR4567

SPONSOR: Thomas (R-CA)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act
to make revisions in the per beneficiary and per visit
payment limits on payment for health services under
the Medicare Program.

INTRODUCED: 09/15/98

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

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means
House Commerce

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Referred to Committee on Commerce, Committee on Ways and
Means (for a period to be subsequently determined by the
Speaker, in each case for consideration of such

provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the
committee concerned) (CR p. H7802)

09/15/98 Original Cosponsor(s): 1

McGovern (D-MA)

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

MEASURE: HR4404

SPONSOR: Hilleary (R-TN)

BRIEF TITLE: Homebound Elderly Relief Opportunity Act of 1998.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act

to modify the standards for calculating the per
beneficiary payment limits under the interim payment
system for home health services furnished by home
health agencies under the Medicare program and the
standards for setting payments rates under the prospective
payment system for such services to achieve fair
reimbursement payment rates.

INTRODUCED: 08/05/98

COSPONSORS: 37 (Dems: 23 Reps: 13 Ind: 1)

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means
House Commerce

RELATED BILLS: See HR3108

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 4

Holden (D-PA) Talent (R-MO)

Hooley (D-OR) Walsh (R-NY)

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

MEASURE: HR4377

SPONSOR: Nussle (R-IA)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act
to expand the membership of the Medicare Payment Advisory

Commission to 17.

INTRODUCED: 07/31/98

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

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means

House Commerce

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Subcommittee consideration and markup held by the House

Ways & Means Committee, Subcommittee on Health. (CR p.

D980)

09/15/98 ** SUBCOMMITTEE VOTE ** HR4377. Medicare Payment

Advisory Committee/Approval. Expand the membership of the

Medicare Payment Advisory Committee from 15 members to 17

members, effective May 1, 1999. Approved for full

committee consideration by voice vote September 15, 1998.

09/15/98 Approved for full committee action by the House Ways &

Means Committee, Subcommittee on Health. (CR p. D980)

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

MEASURE: HR1450

SPONSOR: Miller (D-CA)

BRIEF TITLE: Insular Fair Wage and Human Rights Act of 1997.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to provide certain requirements for labeling
textile fiber products and to implement minimum wage and
immigration requirements in the Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands.

INTRODUCED: 04/24/97

COSPONSORS: 79 (Dems: 77 Reps: 1 Ind: 1)

COMMITTEES: House Resources

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Lampson (D-TX)

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

MEASURE: HR3915

SPONSOR: Kennedy (D-RI)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to adjust the immigration status of certain
Liberian nationals who were provided refuge in the United
States.

INTRODUCED: 05/20/98

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

COMMITTEES: House Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Frank, Barney (D-MA)

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

MEASURE: HR1223

SPONSOR: Shays (R-CT)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to
modify the requirements, with respect to understanding the
English language, history principles, and form of
government of the United States, applicable to the
naturalization of certain older individuals.

INTRODUCED: 03/21/97

COSPONSORS: 2 (Dems: 1 Reps: 1 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Gilman (R-NY)

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

MEASURE: HR696

SPONSOR: Ackerman (D-NY)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to require humane
living conditions for calves raised for the production of
veal.

INTRODUCED: 02/12/97

COSPONSORS: 19 (Dems: 18 Reps: 1 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Agriculture

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Maloney, J. (D-CT)

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

MEASURE: S2334

SPONSOR: McConnell (R-KY)

OFFICIAL TITLE: An original bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing and related programs for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 07/21/98

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

COMMITTEES: Senate Appropriations

RELATED BILLS: See HR4569

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 *** Related measure (HR4569) introduced in House. ***

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

MEASURE: HR1516

SPONSOR: Clay (D-MO)

BRIEF TITLE: America Reads Challenge Act of 1997.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to support local reading programs for children so
that all children are able to read well and independently
by the end of the third grade.

INTRODUCED: 05/01/97

COSPONSORS: 41 (Dems: 40 Reps: 1 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Education and the Workforce

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Bonior (D-MI)

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

MEASURE: HR3876

SPONSOR: Clay (D-MO)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to reduce class size.

INTRODUCED: 05/14/98

COSPONSORS: 68 (Dems: 68 Reps: 0 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Education and the Workforce

RELATED BILLS: See S2209

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Boswell (D-IA)

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

MEASURE: HR1991

SPONSOR: Smith (R-MI)

BRIEF TITLE: Coastal Shipping Competition Act.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to reform the coastwise, intercoastal, and
noncontiguous trade shipping laws, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED: 06/19/97

COSPONSORS: 16 (Dems: 2 Reps: 14 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House National Security
House Transportation and Infrastructure

RELATED BILLS: See S1138, S1221

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Dunn (R-WA)

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

MEASURE: HR4103

SPONSOR: Young (R-FL)

OFFICIAL TITLE: An original bill making appropriations for the Department
of Defense 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 HRes484

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Considered by the House. (CR p. H7708-H7711, H7781)

09/15/98 YOUNG, R-Fla., unanimous consent request that the House
disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a
conference with the Senate, agreed to by unanimous
consent. (see CR p.H7708) (CR p. H7708-H7711, H7781)

09/15/98 House conferees named: YOUNG, R-Fla.; MCDADE, R-Pa.;
LEWIS, R-Calif.; SKEEN, R-N.M.; HOBSON, R-Ohio; BONILLA,

R-Texas; NETHERCUTT, R-Wash.; ISTOOK, R-Okla.;
CUNNINGHAM, R-Calif.; LIVINGSTON, R-La.; MURTHA, D-Pa.;
DICKS, D-Wash.; HEFNER, D-N.C.; SABO, D-Minn.; DIXON,
D-Calif.; VISCLOSKY, D-Ind.; and OBEY, D-Wis. (CR p.
H7780)

09/15/98 OBEY, D-Wis., motion to instruct House conferees to
reduce, within the scope of the conference, the maximum
amount possible from appropriations for low priority
congressionally-directed projects not requested in the FY
1999 Defense Department budget request and apply those
funds to alleviate high priority military readiness needs
for spare parts, quality of life programs, training
exercises, retention bonuses, and requirement incentives,
agreed to by yea-nay vote: 348-61. (see CR p.H7780)
(House Vote 431) (CR p. H7708-H7711, H7780)

09/15/98 YOUNG, R-Fla., motion to close portions of the conference
when classified information is under consideration,
agreed to by yea-nay vote: 405-2. (House Vote 432) (CR p.
H7781)

09/15/98 RILEY, R-Ala., House speech: Personal explanation of
roll call vote no. 431. (CR p. H7780)

09/15/98 TURNER, D-Texas, House speech: Personal explanation of
roll call vote no. 432. (CR p. H7781)

09/15/98 ALLEN, D-Maine, House speech: Personal explanation of
roll call vote no. 432. (CR p. H7781)

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

MEASURE: HConRes210

SPONSOR: Shays (R-CT)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress
with respect to promoting coverage of individuals under
long-term care insurance.

INTRODUCED: 02/05/98

COSPONSORS: 44 (Dems: 27 Reps: 17 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: House Ways and Means

House Commerce

House Education and the Workforce

RELATED BILLS: See HR4401

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Canady (R-FL)

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

MEASURE: S1252

SPONSOR: D'Amato (R-NY)

OFFICIAL TITLE: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to
increase the amount of low-income housing credits which
may be allocated in each state, and to index such amount
for inflation.

INTRODUCED: 10/03/97

COSPONSORS: 65 (Dems: 36 Reps: 29 Ind: 0)

COMMITTEES: Senate Finance

RELATED BILLS: See HR2990

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

09/15/98 Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Abraham (R-MI)

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1 HR4558 Shaw (R-FL) 09/14/98 (217 lines)

Introduced in House

To make technical amendments to clarify the provision of benefits for noncitizens, and to improve the provision of unemployment insurance, child support, and supplemental security income benefits.

Item Key: 13035

2 HR4570 Hansen J. (R-UT) 09/15/98 (11149 lines)

Introduced in House

To provide for certain boundary adjustments and conveyances involving public lands, to establish and improve the management of certain heritage areas, historic areas, National Parks, wild and scenic rivers, and national trails, to protect communities by reducing hazardous fuels levels on public lands, and for other purposes.

Item Key: 13058

3 HR4559 Brown S. (D-OH) 09/14/98 (284 lines)

Introduced in House

To assure equitable treatment in health care coverage of prescription drugs under group health plans, health insurance coverage, Medicare and Medicaid managed care arrangements, medigap insurance coverage, and health plans under the Federal employees' health benefits program.

Item Key: 13036

4 HCONRES185 Lantos (D-CA) 09/15/98 (85 lines)

Referred in Senate

A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress on

the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the
Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recommitting the United
States to the principles expressed in the Universal Declaration.

Item Key: 13046

5 HR4569 Callahan (R-AL) 09/15/98 (3438 lines)
Reported in House

Making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and
related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999,
and for other purposes.

Item Key: 13057

6 HRES534 Gutierrez (D-IL) 09/14/98 (83 lines)
Introduced in House

Congratulating Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs for tying the current
major league record for home runs in one season.

Item Key: 13044

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LABOR COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Full Committee Markup

Future Senate committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 09/23/98; Labor & Human Resources)

Item Key: 87

LABOR COMMITTEE BUSINESS * Revised *

Full Committee Markup

Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee (Chairman Jeffords, R-Vt.)

will mark up pending legislation and consider pending nominations.

Sept. 23 9:30 am SD-430 Dirksen Bldg.

Agenda:

S --- - A bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to
individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as
hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due

to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes.

HR1023 - A bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes.

NOTE: This bill was originally on the agenda for Sept. 9

Nominations: Ida Castro, Paul Igasaki and Paul Miller - to be members of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Henry Solano - to be solicitor for the Department of Labor

Joy Harlo and Joan Specter - to be members of the National Council on the Arts

Joseph Stevens - to be member of the Board of Trustees,

Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

Jane E. Henney - to be commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration

Patricia Montoya - to be commissioner on children, youth and families, Department of Health and Human Services

Thomasina V. Rogers - to be member of the Occupational safety and Health Review Commission

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ECONOMIC AFFAIRS: WAYS AND MEANS PANEL SET TO MARK UP GOP TAX PROPOSAL

Schedule highlights

(SCHEDULE 09/17/98)

Item Key: 3

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS: WAYS AND MEANS PANEL SET TO MARK UP GOP TAX PROPOSAL

By CQ Staff

The long-awaited Republican tax cut will take center stage in a House Ways and Means Committee markup today.

The committee will mark up legislation (HR4579) offering an \$80 billion net tax cut during the next five years. It is designed to help schools, low-income communities and senior citizens, as well as more traditional GOP constituencies such as farmers and small businesses.

The Senate Finance Committee may yet schedule and mark up its version of a GOP tax cut this week.

The bill pushed by Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, would primarily benefit middle-income households earning between \$40,000 and \$100,000, according to an estimate by the Joint Committee on Taxation. Republicans call it the "90-10" plan, because it would reserve 90 percent of the projected budget surplus for Social Security, while

using 10 percent for tax cuts.

"It sets money aside to save Social Security and it gives middle-income Americans the tax relief they so badly deserve," Archer said.

Archer added that the tax cut would be funded mostly by tapping the surplus, with \$5.6 billion coming from cutting deductions for real estate investment trusts and regulated investment companies.

But the plan drew immediate fire from Democrats. Echoing President Clinton, they insisted that Congress should not tap the surplus until it finds a long-range plan for shoring up the Social Security trust fund, which will otherwise run out of money in 2032.

The proposal would save married couples \$28.1 billion over five years by giving them a standard deduction that would be twice that of individuals. Married couples could exclude \$400 of interest and dividends from taxable income, with individuals excluding \$200 -- a tax cut of about \$15 billion over five years.

Businesses would get several breaks, including a 100 percent deduction of health insurance premium for the self-employed (\$5.1 billion over five years), an estate tax exemption of \$1 million (\$17.9 billion), increased deductions for farmers and small businesses (\$1.1 billion), and a 20-month extension of the research tax credit (\$4 billion).

The plan would also give new tax incentives to businesses in certain low-income neighborhoods (\$1 billion) and would provide more bonding authority for school construction and other state and local government activities (\$2.5 billion).

Social Security. The committee also will mark up a measure (HR4578) to set aside for Social Security 90 percent of any federal surplus accumulated over this decade, starting with the current fiscal year. At the end of each fiscal year, funds would be put into a special fund to be created within the Treasury Department so that from fiscal year 1998 through 2008, an aggregate of 90 percent of the total budget surplus would be earmarked to bolster the solvency of Social Security. The surplus is currently estimated to total \$1.6 trillion over the decade.

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HOUSE SET FOR DEBATE ON IMF, FAMILY PLANNING

Schedule highlights

(SCHEDULE 09/17/98)

Item Key: 1

HOUSE SET FOR DEBATE ON IMF, FAMILY PLANNING

By CQ Staff

Contentious battles over funding for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and overseas family planning assistance will dominate today's scheduled House consideration of the fiscal 1999 foreign operations appropriations bill.

Last night, the Rules Committee recommended a rule to govern the debate on the bill (HR4569) that, if adopted by the full House, will block Democrats from offering an amendment to add an additional \$14.5 billion in credit for the IMF to the \$3.5 billion already in the bill. That would bring the total funding for the IMF up to the \$18 billion level requested by the Clinton administration.

The White House and its backers in Congress, including many Republicans, say full funding for the IMF is urgently needed to replenish the lending institution's coffers, depleted by financial crises in Asia, Russia and Latin America.

But House critics say previous funding has done little to stop and may have worsened the overseas crises and that the United States should insist the IMF conduct its operations with greater transparency and accountability in exchange for the additional money.

Democrats also are unhappy with how the Rules panel handled the international family planning assistance provisions.

The bill would reinstate a policy, dating back to the Reagan and Bush administrations, of banning aid to family planning groups that perform, lobby on or otherwise advocate policies on abortion, even if they use their own money.

In a slight relaxation of that standard, the president would be allowed to waive the section of the bill related to groups that perform abortions. But if he did, spending on family planning programs would be limited to \$356 million a year, \$29 million below current spending.

The recommended rule will allow Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., to offer an amendment to remove the restrictions on family planning groups as long as they use their own money, but the rule also will allow Christopher H. Smith, R-N.J., to offer a secondary amendment to Pelosi's proposal that effectively would change the bill right back to its original form.

President Clinton has threatened to veto any legislation that includes the abortion curbs.

Other provisions in the \$12.5 billion bill would revamp U.S. policy toward Azerbaijan, lifting a 6-year-old ban on direct foreign assistance to that country's government. The bill also cuts off funds to an international organization supplying North Korea's energy needs.

The Senate passed a bill (S2334) last week that includes roughly the same amount of spending on U.S. foreign aid activities but also includes

the administration's full \$18 billion request for the IMF and does not contain the anti-abortion provisions.

BILLS BUMPED: The addition of the foreign operations spending bill most likely will bump from the schedule at least two other pieces of legislation that had been slated for action.

One bill (HR3737) would boost the allotment of visas granted to high-tech workers. The other bill (HR4006) aims to block doctors from dispensing drugs to help someone commit suicide. The bills still could come up this week, but only if the foreign operations bill is suddenly pulled.

EDUCATION BLOCK GRANTS: Time permitting, the House may begin work today on a bill that would turn 31 federal education programs -- such as Goals 2000 and the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund -- into block grants to the states. The measure (HR3248), which is opposed by most Democrats, also would require that 95 percent of the funds be used for classroom instruction.

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EDUCATION NEWS CONFERENCE

Other news events

* New *

(SCHEDULE 09/17/98)

Item Key: 64

EDUCATION NEWS CONFERENCE * New *

Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., Rep. Bob Etheridge, D-N.C., Patsy Mink, D-Hawaii, Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., and Ted Strickland, D-Ohio, will participate in a news conference to discuss and release a report titled, "GOP Education Block Grant Bill is Part of GOP Assault on Public Education." They will also release a letter from education groups opposing H.R. 3248, Dollars to the Classroom Act.

Sept. 17 2:30 pm Capitol Bldg., House grassey triangle

Contact: Elizabeth Miller at 202-225-6760

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NATIONAL ID CARD

House Committees

* Revised *

(SCHEDULE 09/17/98; Government Reform & Oversight -- Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs)

NATIONAL ID CARD * Revised *

National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs
Subcommittee (Chairman McIntosh, R-Ind.) of House Government Reform and
Oversight Committee will hold a oversight hearing on the Department of
Transportation's proposal to create a national identification card,
which U.S. citizens would use for banking, Medicare and Social Security
services.

Sept. 17 10:00 am 2247 Rayburn Bldg.

Witnesses scheduled:

PANEL:

Celene Cross - identity theft victim; Marvin Young -
identity theft victim; Gregory T. Nojeim - legislative
counsel, American Civil Liberties Union

PANEL:

Brian Flaherty - state representative, Connecticut; Richard
Holcomb - commissioner, Virginia Department of Motor

Vehicles PANEL:

Representative, National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration

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IMMIGRATION REVISION

Other news events

* New *

(SCHEDULE 09/17/98)

Item Key: 57

IMMIGRATION REVISION * New *

The Campaign for American Citizenship will sponsor a rally with members of Congress and immigrants to demand changes in immigration law.

Sept. 17 1:00 pm SR-325 Russell Bldg.

Contact: Judy Mark at 202-544-0004, ext. 14.

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INSTITUTIONAL REMOVAL PROGRAM

House Committees

* Postponed *

(SCHEDULE 09/17/98; Judiciary -- Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims)

Item Key: 35

INSTITUTIONAL REMOVAL PROGRAM * Postponed *

Immigration and Claims Subcommittee (Chairman Smith, R-Texas) of House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on the Institutional Removal Program (IRP). The IRP is administered by the Immigration and Naturalization Service which goes into prisons and other detention institutions and identifies inmates who are illegal aliens, so when their sentence is up, they can quickly be deported.

Sept. 17 Time TBA 2226 Rayburn Bldg.

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INSTITUTIONAL REMOVAL PROGRAM

Future House committees

* New *

(SCHEDULE 09/18/98; Judiciary -- Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims)

Item Key: 118

INSTITUTIONAL REMOVAL PROGRAM * New *

Immigration and Claims Subcommittee (Chairman Smith, R-Texas) of House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on the Institutional Removal Program (IRP). The IRP is administered by the Immigration and Naturalization Service which goes into prisons and other detention institutions and identifies inmates who are illegal aliens, so when their sentence is up, they can quickly be deported.

Sept. 18 9:30 am 2237 Rayburn Bldg.

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HOUSE FLOOR Sept. 17

Senate/House floor

* Tentative *

(SCHEDULE 09/17/98; House Floor)

Item Key: 174

HOUSE FLOOR * Tentative *

Sept. 17

CONVENES AT 10AM.

HR4006 A bill to clarify federal law to prohibit the dispensing or distribution of a controlled substance for the purpose of causing, or assisting in causing, the suicide or euthanasia, of any individual. -- BEGIN CONSIDERATION.

HR4569 An original bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1999, and for other purposes. -- MAY BEGIN CONSIDERATION.

HR3736 A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make changes relating to H-1B nonimmigrants. -- MAY BEGIN CONSIDERATION.

NOTE: HJRes128, the FY99 short-term continuing resolution may begin consideration.

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HOUSE FLOOR Sept. 18

Future Senate/House floor

* Tentative *

(SCHEDULE 09/18/98; House Floor)

Item Key: 175

HOUSE FLOOR * Tentative *

Sept. 18

CONVENES AT 9AM.

HR3736 A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make
changes relating to H-1B nonimmigrants. -- BEGIN
CONSIDERATION.

HR3248 A bill to provide dollars to the classroom. -- BEGIN
CONSIDERATION.

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Item Key: 15283

4 HOUSE SET FOR DEBATE ON IMF, FAMILY PLANNING

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===== Research =====

- 1. AcctInfoPlus

<http://www.bs.ac.cowan.edu.au/acctinfoplus/>

AcctInfoPlus is an accounting resource metacenter developed for the academic and professional community. Author Andrew Priest of Edith Cowan University, Perth, Australia draws on postings from Rutgers Accounting Web (discussed in the September 20, 1996 _Scout Report_ --), the Summa Project, and the Nordic Accounting Network, among others, to link users with the latest Internet resources and conferences in accounting. Links are organized into a multi-faceted but easy-to-follow system with general topics covering academic, regulation, and professional interests. [MW]

2. Residential Housing Characteristics Survey 1997--EIA

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/recs/recs97/contents.html>

Data Table Home Page

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/recs/97tblhp.html>

Specific information such as how many homes have PCs, modems and FAX machines or how home appliance usage has changed over time (1978-1997) can now be obtained in this recently-released Residential Housing Characteristics Survey by the US Energy Information Administration. Nearly two decades of Regional Energy Consumption Surveys (RECS) on US households and their energy is contained on site in addition to supplementary maps, a glossary of terms, and documentation of EIA survey methods and data quality. To further facilitate research, the EIA provides a Data Table Home Page where users may choose variables and access data

tables directly on site. [MW]

3. The Digital Living Room Consumer Index

<http://www.greenfieldcentral.com/dlrci/index.html>

Market researchers at Greenfield Online and the Digital Living Room define heavy users of computers and the Internet or "Digital Consumers" in the recently released Digital Living Room Consumer Index. Drawing on a sample of 2,200 Internet users, it was found that 80% have some college education, 97% have computers at home, and 62% use the computer primarily for entertainment. Other available figures from this 69-page statistical report include likely annual expenditures for computer equipment, gender comparisons, and a break-down of media preferences. [MW]

4. Center for Economic Policy Analysis (CEPA) [.pdf]

<http://www.newschool.edu/cepa/index.htm>

Established in 1995, the Center for Economic Policy Analysis (CEPA) is the research center of the Department of Economics at the New School for Social Research in New York city. To foster an "active forum for economic policy debate" CEPA offers three working paper series on Globalization, Labor Markets, and Social Policy; Economic Policy Analysis; and International Capital Market and the Future of Economic Policy as well as a list of current workshops and research projects. CEPA's Research Resources metapage

offers a compendium of funding opportunities. [MW]

5. Georgetown School of Business Faculty Seminar and Working Papers [.pdf]

<http://www.gsb.georgetown.edu/dept/facserv/work/>

Faculty members at the Georgetown School of Business, Georgetown University, have posted their most recent seminar and working papers on the Faculty Seminar and Working Paper Index site. Currently, seventeen titles are available; the primary topic is Finance, with some listings for Accounting, Logistics, Management Information Systems, and Marketing. Links to author webpages are also provided for contact and course information.

[MW]

===== Learning Resources =====

6. Cultural Factors in Business: An Incomplete Anthropological Bibliography

<http://www.gsia.cmu.edu/afs/andrew/gsia/jh38/refs.html>

With an emphasis on printed materials, J.N. Hooker prepared this "incomplete" bibliography for the course entitled Cultural Factors in Business at the Graduate School of Industrial Administration, Carnegie Mellon University. A wealth of publications are presented spanning the interdisciplinary topics of Workplace and Economic Culture, Regional

Studies, General Anthropology, and Business Etiquette. Readers may view the ongoing list by author, subject, or geographical region via clearly arranged hyperlinks. [MW]

7. Operations 112: International Logistics

<http://internet.ggu.edu/~emilian/>

Instructor Emilio Milian of Golden Gate University covers the use of ocean, air, and surface shipping modes of transportation in this Operations 112: International Logistics course. A syllabus and reading assignments are provided with extensive links throughout to texts such as "Breaking into the Trade Game" by the US Small Business Administration (discussed in the September 25, 1997 _Scout Report for Business & Economics--<http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/scout/report/bus-econ/1997/be-970925.html#14>). [MW]

8. ECON 600: Survey of Economics

<http://dl1.morehead-st.edu/courses/ECON600/>

Roland Buck of Morehead State University, MN, designed this survey course for MBA students who lack undergraduate experience in economics. Fundamental micro and macroeconomic topics are covered in a series of fulltext lectures. An introduction to the course, syllabus, assignments, and sample exams are also provided to enhance the "virtual classroom"

effect of this entirely online course. [MW]

9. ECON 210: Modern Economic Problems

<http://www.oneonta.edu/~thomaswl/syl210.html>

In order to heighten appreciation of the role of technology in current economic research, SUNY Oneonta Prof. Wade L. Thomas integrates Internet, database, and desktop publishing software into ECON 210: Modern Economic Problems course requirements. All students must use laptop computers; a course outline, objectives, and assignment descriptions are provided on site. [MW]

10. Two Accounting Courses from SUNY Albany:

ACC 681: Analysis & Design of Accounting Systems

<http://www.albany.edu/acc/courses/acc681.fall98/>

ACC 682: Analysis & Design of Accounting Databases

<http://www.albany.edu/acc/courses/acc682.fall98/>

Jagdish S. Gangolly, School of Business, SUNY Albany, introduces students to the analysis, design, and implementation of accounting systems in ACC 681 and the theoretical foundations of database management systems in ACC 682. Syllabi and calendars are provided for both courses in addition to selected lecture notes. [MW]

===== General Interest =====

11. Business Week Enterprise

<http://enterprise.businessweek.com/>

Created by _Business Week_ magazine, Business Week Enterprise is a new resource center for small business owners. The News Center covers current issues from the perspective of small business owners and an array of columns provide advice, website recommendations, and book excerpts. Other resources include financial calculators, a glossary of terms, and market research links. [MW]

12. EquityAnalysis.com

<http://www.equityanalysis.com/>

EquityAnalysis.com is a well-organized investment information site. Weekly recommendations are available for technology stocks, blue chips, commodities, and global equities. Investors may exchange information at a variety of message board forums (registration required), and useful guidance is provided at the "Beginner's Corner" for novice users. [MW]

13. Independent Means

<http://www.anincomeofherown.com/>

Independent Means is a website where women under-twenty can find articles, curriculum, games and other activities on gaining financial independence.

The newsletter _Turned On Business_ addresses specific issues such as finding a mentor and college funding, and the "Frog Pages" link young entrepreneurs with the homepages of women-owned businesses. [MW]

14. Social Security Online: The Official Web Site of the Social Security Administration [Acrobat Reader]
http://www.ssa.gov/SSA_Home.html

Social Security Online: The Official Web Site of the Social Security Administration provides information on the agency's history, goals, budget, services, laws and regulations, as well as statistical data and research. The site provides consumers with information about retirement and disability benefits, forms, answers to frequently asked questions, and instructions and directories that will help those interested in contacting the agency. Employers will find information on wage reporting, tax guides, and employee handouts. Consumers who have a web browser that supports Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) can file an electronic request for Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate statement; however, as reported in the May 23, 1997 Scout Report, for security reasons the SSA no longer sends the statement online. [GW]

15. _Fusi@n Business Magazine_
<http://www.memegroup.co.uk/>

Published by Stephen Griffiths, Fusi@n Business Magazine is a new publishing platform for progressive individuals interested in social and business change. Issues of accountability, sustainability, governance, and ethical finance and investment, among others, are covered in the daily Fusi@n Business News section and the bi-weekly Fusi@on Business Magazine. Interested parties may also submit original articles, press releases, and links to existing works on site. [MW]

===== Current Awareness =====

For links to additional working papers, periodicals, books and journals, conferences and new data visit the Current Awareness Resources Page. (<http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/scout/report/bus-econ/metapage/index.html>)

16. Working Papers

A. Federal Reserve System

Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Finance and Economic Discussion Series (FEDS) [.pdf]

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/feds/1998/index.html>

"Adjustment Costs of Investment in General Equilibrium: Analytic Results"--FEDS1998-39

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/feds/1998/199839/199839abs.html>

"Indeterminacy and Investment Adjustment Costs"--FEDS1998-38

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/feds/1998/199838/199838abs.html>

"Rational Error Correction"--FEDS1998-37

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/feds/1998/199837/199837abs.html>

"Certainty Equivalence and the Non-Vertical Long Run Phillips
Curve"--FEDS1998-36

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/feds/1998/199836/199836abs.html>

"Price Stability and Monetary Policy Effectiveness when Nominal Interest
Rates are Bounded at Zero"--FEDS1998-35

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/feds/1998/199835/199835abs.html>

"Uncertainty, Learning, and Gradual Monetary Policy"--FEDS1998-34

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/feds/1998/199834/199834abs.html>

"Dealer Polling in the Presence of Possibly Noisy Reporting"--FEDS1998-33

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/feds/1998/199833/199833abs.html>

"Comparing Market and Supervisory Assessments of Bank Performance: Who
Knows What When?"--FEDS1998-32

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/feds/1998/199832/199832abs.html>

"Interbank Payments and the Daily Federal Funds Rate"--FEDS1998-31

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/feds/1998/199831/199831abs.html>

FRB International Finance Discussion Papers (IFDP) [.pdf]

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/ifdp/1998/default.htm>

"Relative Price Volatility: What Role Does the Border Play"--IFDP623

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/ifdp/1998/623/default.htm>

"Two Equivalence Theorems for Government Finance"--IFDP622

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/ifdp/1998/622/default.htm>

"Rational Bubbles under Diverse Information"--IFDP621

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/ifdp/1998/621/default.htm>

"What Determines Public Support for Affirmative Action?"--IFDP620

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/ifdp/1998/620/default.htm>

"Puzzles in the Chinese Stock Market"--IFDP619

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/ifdp/1998/619/default.htm>

"Disintegration"--IFDP618

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/ifdp/1998/618/default.htm>

"The Business Cycles of Currency Speculation: A Revision of The Mundellian Framework"--IFDP617

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/pubs/ifdp/1998/617/default.htm>

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Working Papers [.pdf]

<http://www.bos.frb.org/economic/wpchrono.htm>

"Dynamic Inconsistencies: Counterfactual Implications of a Class of Rational Expectations Models"--WP98-5

<http://www.bos.frb.org/economic/wp98.htm#5>

"What Do Cross-Sectional Growth Regressions Tell Us about Convergence?"--WP98-4

<http://www.bos.frb.org/economic/wp98.htm#4>

Federal Reserve Bank of New York Research Papers and Staff Reports [.pdf]

http://www.ny.frb.org/rmaghome/rsch_pap/1998.htm

"How Important is the Stock Market Effect on Consumption?"--RP9821

http://www.ny.frb.org/rmaghome/rsch_pap/9821.html

"The Dual Impact of Trade: Measuring its Impact on Imitation and Growth"--SR44

http://www.ny.frb.org/rmaghome/staff_rp/sr44.html

B. Wharton Financial Institutions Center

Working Paper Series [.pdf]

<http://fic.wharton.upenn.edu/fic/wfic/papers/98.html>

"Explaining the Increase in Bankruptcy and Delinquency: Stigma vs.
Risk-Composition"--9828

<http://fic.wharton.upenn.edu/fic/wfic/papers/98/p9828.html>

"Social Security Money's Worth"--9827

<http://fic.wharton.upenn.edu/fic/wfic/papers/98/p9827.html>

"Would a Privatized Social Security System Really Pay a Higher Rate of
Return?"--9826

<http://fic.wharton.upenn.edu/fic/wfic/papers/98/p9826.html>

C. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

OECD Development Centre Technical Papers [.pdf]

<http://www.oecd.org/dev/pub/tp1a.htm>

"Rural Industrial Development in Viet Nam and China: a Study in
Contrasts"--TP140

<http://www.oecd.org/dev/pub/tp/Tp140.pdf>

"State Infrastructure and Productive Performance in Indian
Manufacturing"--TP139

<http://www.oecd.org/dev/pub/tp/Tp139.pdf>

"Determinants of Customs Fraud and Corruption Evidence from two African
Countries"--TP138

<http://www.oecd.org/dev/pub/tp/Tp138.pdf>

"A Simulation Model of Global Pension Investment"--TP137

<http://www.oecd.org/dev/pub/tp/Tp137.pdf>

Stockholm School of Economics--SSE

Working Paper Series in Economics and Finance [.pdf]

<http://swopec.hhs.se/hastef/>

"Markets and Cooperation"--No 257

<http://swopec.hhs.se/hastef/abs/hastef0257.htm>

Institute for International Economics--IIE

<http://www.iie.com/wp98.htm>

"Local Government Spending: Solving the Mystery of Japanese Fiscal Packages"--WP98-5

<http://www.iie.com/98-5.htm>

17. Periodicals

A. Federal Reserve System

Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey on Bank Lending Practices

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/boarddocs/SnLoanSurvey/>

The FRB BOG conducts the Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey on Bank Lending Practices on a quarterly basis to ensure the availability of results for the January, May, August, and November meetings of the Federal Open Market

Committee. Typically, fifty-seven large domestic banks and twenty-four US branches and agencies of foreign banks are queried on changes in the standards and terms of bank lending and the state of business and household demand for loans. The current August 1998 survey includes questions of changes in standards on home equity, consumer, and commercial real estate loans, and the causes and effects of reduced participation of US branches and agencies of foreign banks in the US loan market. [MW]

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta _Economics Update_

http://209.239.32.240/publica/eco_update/v11n3/index.htm

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston _New England Economic Indicators_ [.pdf]

<http://www.bos.frb.org/economic/nee/nee.htm>

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago _AgLetter_ [.pdf]

<http://www.frbchi.org/pubs-speech/publications/periodicals/aglet/welcome.html>

Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland _Economic Trends_ [.pdf]

<http://www.clev.frb.org/research/sep98et/index.htm>

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas _The Southwest Economy_

http://www.dallasfed.org/publications/swe/txt/swe_current.html

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis _Quarterly Review_ [.pdf]

<http://research.mpls.frb.fed.us/research/qr/>

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia _Business Review_ [.pdf]

<http://www.phil.frb.org/econ/br/brso98in.html>

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco _Economic Letters_

<http://www.frbsf.org/econsrch/wklyltr/indx.wl.html>

The July-September 1998 edition (Vol 11 No 3) of _Economics Update_ from

FRB Atlanta includes articles on the current US account deficit, the effect of the Asian Crisis on Latin America, and minimum wage increases, among others. This month's New England Economic Indicators from FRB Boston provides historical and July 1998 employment, earnings, and consumer confidence figures for the First District. The FRB of Chicago publication AgLetter is now a quarterly publication. The August 1998 edition of AgLetter (No 1901) examines farmland values and credit conditions, among other economic indicators in the Seventh District. The September 1998 issue of Economic Trends from FRB Cleveland puts the "economy into perspective" with historical and current discussions of monetary policy, banking conditions, inflation, and the labor market. The FED Dallas September/October issue of The Southwest Economy (No 5) questions the place of immigration in US population and labor force growth in Part II of the series "Immigration and the Economy." The Summer 1998 edition (Vol 22 No 3) of Quarterly Review from FRB Minneapolis looks at the technological role of fiat money and the Suffolk Banking System (1825-58) in "Lessons from a Laissez-Faire Payments System." This month's Business Review from FRB Philadelphia asks how house prices reflect on the quality of public schools. Recent surveys on short-term changes in the regional and national manufacturing sectors are also evaluated. Current issues of Economic Letters from FRB San Francisco include "The Natural Rate, NAIRU, and Monetary Policy (No 28), by Carl E. Walsh. [MW]

B. Other Institutions

American Enterprise Institute

Latin American Outlook

<http://www.aei.org/lao/lao9518.htm>

AEI Resident Scholar Mark Falcoff examines public opinion, economic policy, and the upcoming 1999 presidential election in "Argentina: A New Struggle for Succession" (No 9518). [MW]

Bank for International Settlements

BIS_Review_.pdf

New September 1998 additions to this collection of articles and speeches by senior central bankers include: Mr. Greenspan's testimony on the international economic and financial system to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, European Central Bank President, Dr. W. F. Duisenberg's opening statement at the meeting of the ECB Governing Council, and a speech on monetary policy, unemployment and economic growth in the UK by Governor of the Bank of England E.A.J. George. [MW]

World Bank

Findings.pdf

<http://www.worldbank.org/aftdr/findings/english/findtoc.htm>

No 121: Improving Soil Fertility Management in Sub-Saharan Africa

<http://www.worldbank.org/aftdr/findings/english/find121.htm>

No 120: Climate Change and Sub-Saharan Africa: issues and opportunities

<http://www.worldbank.org/aftdr/findings/english/find120.htm>

18. Books and Journals

Econbase--Elsevier

<http://www.elsevier.nl/locate/econbase/>

The abstracts and table of contents for the following journals are now available online: _Economics Letters_ (Vol 60 No 1), _Economic Modelling_ (Vol 15 No 3), _European Journal of the Political Economy_ (Vol 14 No 3), _International Journal of Production Economics_ (Vol 55 No 3), _Journal of Mathematical Economics_ (Vol 30 No 1), _Journal of Public Economics_ (Vol 69 No 3), _Research Policy_ (Vol 27 Nos 3 & 4), _Structural Change and Economic Dynamics_ (Vol 9 No 3).

The MIT Press

<http://mitpress.mit.edu/books-new.tcl>

Forthcoming books in Economics and Finance from the MIT Press include _The Mutual Fund Business_ by Robert C. Pozen, _Emerging from Communism_ by Peter Boone, Stanislaw Gomulka, and Richard Layard, and _Future of the Electronic Marketplace_ by Derek Leebaert, among other titles. [MW]

19. Conferences

iHEA 1999

<http://www.expo-hoc.nl/ihea/main.htm>

The International Health Economics Association (iHEA) will hold their

Second World Conference from June 6 to June 9, 1999 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Key issues surrounding the topic "Private and Public Choices in Health and Health Care" will be discussed, and interested parties are invited to read a full list of conference themes on site. [MW]

Fifth International Conference of the Society for Computational Economics
<http://fmwww.bc.edu/cef99/>

Sponsored by the Department of Economics and the Wallace E. Carroll School of Management at Boston College, the Fifth International Conference of the Society for Computational Economics will be held June 24-26, 1999. Meetings will embrace quantitative and qualitative methods in economics, finance, and decision making, and abstracts will be accepted until January 15, 1999. Complete paper submission information is available online. [MW]

1999 Far Eastern Meeting of the Econometric Society (FEMES 99)
<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/ecs/admin/FEMES98.html>

All economists and econometricians are invited to attend the 1999 Far Eastern Meeting of the Econometric Society (FEMES 99), July 1-3, 1999 in Singapore, Singapore. Program contents include invited lectures and contributed papers in both theoretical and applied economics and econometrics. A list of keynote speakers, general details and submission instructions are available on site. [MW]

Association of Public Data Users (APDU)
<http://www.apdu.org/>

The producers, disseminators, and users of government statistical data are invited to attend the 23rd Annual APDU Conference. This year's discussion addresses the future of public data and will be held October 25-28, 1998 in Alexandria, VA. A preliminary program, accommodation, and registration information is available online. [MW]

20. Jobs

Job Openings from _The Chronicle of Higher Education_ [MW]

Job Openings in Economics

[http://thisweek.chronicle.com/.ads/.ads-by-group/.faculty/.ssscience/.econ/.](http://thisweek.chronicle.com/.ads/.ads-by-group/.faculty/.ssscience/.econ/)

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Job Openings in Business and Management

<http://thisweek.chronicle.com/.ads/.ads-by-group/.faculty/.professional/.business/.links.html>

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Job Openings in Economics from the Chronicle of Higher Education

[http://thisweek.chronicle.com/.ads/.ads-by-group/.faculty/.ssscience/.econ/.](http://thisweek.chronicle.com/.ads/.ads-by-group/.faculty/.ssscience/.econ/)

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Job Openings in Business and Management from the Chronicle of Higher

Education

<http://thisweek.chronicle.com/.ads/.ads-by-group/.faculty/.professional/.business/.links.html>

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===== New Data =====

21. Census Bureau

Dynamics of Economic Well-Being: Health Insurance, 1993 to 1995 [.pdf]

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlth9394.html>

The Census Bureau report, Dynamics of Economic Well-Being: Health Insurance, 1993 to 1995 provides comprehensive information on the characteristics of people with and without health insurance. Key findings show Southerners as the population most likely to experience one or more months without health insurance and suburban dwellers as the least likely to lose continuous health insurance when compared to people living in central cities or rural areas. [MW]

Quarterly Financial Report for Manufacturing, Mining, and Trade Corporations

http://www.census.gov/agfs/qfr/view/qfr_mg.html

Advanced data from the Second Quarter Financial Report for Manufacturing, Mining, and Trade Corporations indicate that manufacturing corporations' after-tax profits (seasonally adjusted) averaged 5.7 cents per dollar of

sales for the second quarter of 1998, down 1.9 cents from the first quarter of 1998. The Census Bureau also reported that after-tax profits for the second quarter averaged 6.1 cents per dollar of sales, down 1.6 cents from the preceding quarter and down 0.7 cents from the same quarter in 1997.

[MW]

22. Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Flow of Funds Accounts of the US, Second Quarter 1998 [.pdf]

<http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/releases/Z1/>

FRB BOG data on the Flow of Funds Accounts of the US for the second quarter of 1998 indicate that the debt of domestic nonfinancial sectors increased at about the same pace as the first quarter (6 percent seasonally adjusted). Federal government debt continued to contract, while borrowing by the nonfederal sectors remained "brisk." [MW]

23. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)

State Per Capita Personal Income, 1997 (revised)

<http://www.bea.doc.gov/bea/newsrel/spi0998.htm>

According to the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis revised estimates, Connecticut and Texas led the nation in per capita personal income growth in 1997. Per capita income grew in all states except North

Dakota where income declined due to a drop in wheat production and subsequent drops in farm earnings. [MW]

U.S. International Transactions: Second Quarter 1998

<http://www.bea.doc.gov/bea/newsrel/trans298.htm>

The US current-account deficit increased to \$56.5 billion in the second quarter 1998 from \$46.7 billion (revised) in the first quarter, according to preliminary estimates from the BEA. The deficits on goods and services and on investment income both increased at \$44.0 billion and \$3.2 billion respectively, and net unilateral transfers decreased from \$95 billion in the first quarter to \$9.3 billion in the second. [MW]

24. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

USDA Reports Calendars--September 1998

USDA Agency Reports Calendar

<http://www.usda.gov/news/calindex.htm>

ERS Calendar

<http://www.econ.ag.gov/whatsnew/calendar/>

NASS Calendar

<http://www2.hqnet.usda.gov/nass/pubs/reports.htm>

World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE-BB)

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/reports/waobr/wasde-bb/>

USDA summarizes its report releases from various sources (the Economic Research Service, the National Agricultural Statistics Service, the Foreign

Agricultural Service, and the world Agricultural Outlook Board) at these three calendar sites. A notable report for September 1998 includes the USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE-BB). This fulltext monthly provides the most current USDA forecasts of US and world supply-use balances of major grains, soybeans, and cotton. US supply and use of sugar and livestock products are also covered. [MW]

25. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

Advance Summary: 1997 US Crude Oil, Natural Gas, and Natural Gas Liquids Reserves [.pdf]

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/neic/press/press107.html>

The EIA report _Advance Summary: 1997 US Crude Oil, Natural Gas, and Natural Gas Liquids Reserves_ made headlines this month with the news "Oil Reserves Up for the First Time in a Decade." According to the report, crude oil reserve additions exceeded production by 25 percent in 1997, and new oil field discoveries were more than twice those in 1996. Improved technologies for exploration and deepwater production were noted for the upward trend. [MW]

===== In the News =====

26. Brazil & the Latin American Economy

1) Latin American Markets Reel & Latin American Stocks Badly Bruised--CNNfn

<http://cnfn.com/markets/9808/11/latin/>

<http://cnfn.com/markets/9809/17/latin/>

2) Brazil Calls for International Co-operation--BBC News

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/americas/newsid%5F176000/176840.stm>

3) Brazil Stocks Rally, Buoy Latin Markets--Washington Post

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/digest/daily/sept98/brazil12.htm>

4) Latinvestor

<http://www.latinvestor.com/>

5) Bloomberg Latin America

<http://www.bloomberg.com/sa/sahome.html>

6) Bosa de Valores de Sao Paulo (BOVESPA) [Live Player 3.02]

<http://www.tvbovespa.com.br/>

7) Recent Market Developments in Latin America--IMF

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/nb/1998/NB9832.HTM>

8) _Brazil: Recent Economic Developments_--IMF Staff Country Report [.pdf]
(22356K)

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/scr/1998/cr9824.pdf>

9) Banco Central do Brasil (Portuguese and English)

<http://www.bcb.gov.br/>

This week's In the News follows repercussions of world financial crises in the key Latin American economy of Brazil. These nine resources provide background information, press coverage, and economic data on Brazil and related economies. With a population of 164 million and GDP of \$480 billion, Brazil represents Latin America's largest economic force. Heavy US financial investments, however, tie Brazil directly to Dow Jones Industrial Average falls (reviewed in the September 10, 1998 _Scout for

Business &

Economics_--<http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/scout/report/bus-econ/1998/be-980910txt.htm>

l#25) and their Asian and Russian causes (reviewed in the July 16, 1998

_Scout Report for Business &

Economics_--<http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/scout/report/bus-econ/1998/be-980716txt.htm>

l#22). International concern for Latin America grew when Brazil lost \$1.8

billion in foreign capital following drops in the Dow, September 10,

1998--a decisive factor in stock tumbles in Mexico and Venezuela as well.

Such damaging results led to a bold rise in interest rates from the Banco

Central do Brasil and negotiations with the IMF. A US and Brazilian market

rally since September 11, however, leaves many officials hopeful for a

stable Latin American future.

The news articles "Latin American Markets Reel" and "Latin American Stocks

Badly Bruised" (1) from CNNfn detail August and September 1998 drops in

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Calls for International Co-operation" (2) describes Brazilian government

opinion on matters of economic recovery. Similarly, the _Washington Post_

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progress possible through international support. Current Latin American

quotes are available at the metasite Latinvestor (4) and via Bloomberg

Latin America (5). The major Brazilian stock index BOVESPA may also be

viewed live at the Bosa de Valores de Sao Paulo (Sao Paulo Stock Market)

home site (6). IMF response to financial crises in Latin America is

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In a steady stream of editorial comment on the aftermath of the Starr investigation, overseas analysts saw a "titanic fight" shaping up between the White House and the Congress. With the announcement yesterday that the House Judiciary Committee would hold an open hearing October 5 or 6 to debate the possibility of a formal impeachment inquiry, London's independent Financial Times noted wryly: "We can discount, too, the grandiloquent talk on Capitol Hill about honoring the Constitution and upholding the integrity of the American republic. Raw political calculation will decide President Clinton's future." A number of editorials continued to express sympathy for the president, viewing him as the "victim" of a modern-day "Inquisition." In Portugal, a group of national news organizations declared their refusal to be "part of the gigantic spectacle of collective voyeurism," and issued a joint statement that they would no longer publish "intimate details" of the president's life unless it was in the "obvious public interest" to do so. Dailies in Germany and Bosnia-Herzegovina stressed the need for the U.S. to remain engaged on foreign policy issues.

NATO PUTS PRESSURE ON MILOSEVIC; NEXT STEPS UNCERTAIN

Yesterday's decision at the NATO Defense Ministers meeting in Portugal

authorizing NATO military authorities to issue an "activation warning" for a possible intervention in Kosovo garnered considerable attention in the European press. Many commentators viewed NATO's action, coming in the wake of the latest UNSC resolution, as paving the way for military action against Serbia. President Clinton's "tough" warning to Serbia yesterday was emphasized in some papers. Despite these moves by NATO and the UNSC, the majority of editorials doubted that Yugoslav leader Milosevic would respond to pressure by agreeing to a ceasefire and negotiations. Noting that Milosevic has shown himself to be immune to threats and cajoling, Britain's conservative Daily Mail reflected a typical opinion, "If Milosevic refuses to stop the savagery, a bombing campaign against his war machine is the only thing that might compel him." Commentators also expressed concern that, without NATO military action, the dire situation in Kosovo will worsen, spelling "a humanitarian disaster." Writers, however, pointed out that differences persist within the Contact Group and the Alliance over the need for a green light from the UN before military intervention is actually carried out. Indeed, several editorials pointed to ongoing debate in key capitals as evidence that translating talk into action will be difficult. Munich's centrist Sueddeutsche Zeitung, for example, predicted controversy concerning the interpretation of NATO and UN decisions, noting that even within NATO there is only limited consensus on future moves. It concluded, "Now NATO is faced with the task of linking military plan to political will."

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STARR INVESTIGATION: 'DOWN TO RAW POLITICS'

BRITAIN: "Down To Raw Politics"

The independent Financial Times carried this op-ed essay by political editor Philip Stephens (9/25): "We have moved beyond sex and lies in the matter of Bill Clinton's presidency. We can discount, too, the grandiloquent talk on Capitol Hill about honoring the Constitution and upholding the integrity of the American republic. Raw political calculation will decide President Clinton's future. This is territory on which the president knows how to fight. He intends to.... An accommodation--an admission by Mr. Clinton that he lied and a formal motion of censure by the Congress--is the most logical and likely outcome. Those who say that this is not punishment enough fail to understand the ambition Mr. Clinton had for his presidency. Nothing could be more painful for this politician than to be remembered for the stain he left on the dress of a young White House intern.'

"Flawed But Popular"

The conservative Daily Telegraph's editorial stressed (9/25): "Americans hate to criticize any president, because he is their head of state. Some argue that he must go because he has dishonored that office. But many of those who--for the moment--support Mr. Clinton may believe his failings are

less important than the office."

GERMANY: "Superpower Without A Vote"

Washington correspondent Stefan Kornelius filed this editorial for centrist Sueddeutsche Zeitung of Munich (9/25): "While U.S. Congress is fighting a Titanic fight about the political fate of the president, it is ignoring the problems in the world and the country. Without noticing it, in the coming months, the United States will pay a first diplomatic price for concentrating on the president's fate: The United States will lose its voting rights in the United Nations.... These days, Washington has other problems...not unrelated to the fact that the influence of and respect for the United States are slipping in the community of nations."

ITALY: "Clinton's Goal"

Arturo Zampaglione, writing from New York for left-leaning, influential La Repubblica opined (9/25): "Clinton's goal is clear. He wants to assume, to the extent possible, a presidential attitude and show that he can still do his job, counting on the support of public opinion, which believes that preserving the economic-social successes of the Democratic administration are more important than continuing to fight over White House lies--a position which was shared yesterday by a series of editorials in the New York Times and the Washington Post. The thesis they expressed is that, notwithstanding Clinton's mistakes, America will be better off by keeping its president rather than firing him."

RUSSIA: "What Next For America?"

Vitaly Gan asked in neo-communist Pravda (9/25): "What now?... [President Clinton] has been put to shame in the eyes of the whole world. Prosecutor Starr, closely linked to and financed by ultra-radicals, got what he wanted. And, although he has broken ethical standards by suggesting in his report that Clinton's behavior 'probably' gives grounds for impeachment, there is no question of removing him from power. Nor is [the president's] voluntary resignation on the cards because such a move would expose not only Clinton's successor, Vice President Al Gore, but the whole Democratic Party in the runup to the elections. Most probably the U.S. Congress will censure the president for 'improper behavior.'"

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA: "Izetbegovic's Only Choice: Keep Clinton"

Independent bi-weekly Dani (9/24) had this commentary by Nerzuk Curak: "If puritan America forces Bill Clinton out of the White House nothing will ever be the same in our country.... If [President Clinton] leaves the White House with his head down, from a global problem Bosnia could become a local one, with a serious tendency for the political and legal integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina to be threatened. The peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the big foreign policy success of President Clinton. It would be unfair that he remains remembered in history for a sex scandal instead of such a noble achievement as ending the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The deep discrediting of the U.S. president, into which [the special prosecutor] entered very naively, has all the characteristics of a systematic coup. Kenneth Starr is the Joseph McCarthy of the present

day."

PORTUGAL: "We Will No Longer Be Party To Collective Voyeurism"

Major Portugese media outlets have declared a self-imposed ban on publishing further details of President Clinton's affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. On 9/24 all participating organizations--including centrist Diario de Noticias--published the following joint announcement: "A group of national mass media outlets, among them the Diario de Noticias, decided not to detail, as of today, aspects of the intimate life of Bill Clinton that do not pass the test of obvious public interest." This is the text of the statement: "The investigation of prosecutor Kenneth Starr has been transformed into an obsessive and degrading inquisitorial process about the intimate life of President Clinton. We will continue, obviously, to transmit that information which we consider to be of journalistic interest about American current affairs, but we refuse to be part of the gigantic spectacle of collective voyeurism to which things have sunk. It is our profound conviction that the intimate life of a human being, even it is the president of the United States of America, does not justify this obscene inquiry. Therefore, we would like the public to know that the mass media outlets that we direct will no longer, as of today, detail aspects of the intimate life of Bill Clinton that do not pass the test of obvious public interest."

HONG KONG: "Lies And Evasion Rebound To Starr"

Accoprding to the independent South China Morning Post's editorial (9/25):

"(Newly released documents) clearly should have been taken more directly into account by Mr. Starr, so raising fresh doubts about his impartiality.... The growing evidence that his has not always been the case is yet another reason for believing that this scandal will not succeed in forcing Mr. Clinton from office."

INDONESIA: "Scorched Earth At The White House"

In an article by A. Dahana, pro-government weekly Gatra contended (9/26): "Starr's report really put Clinton in a difficult situation. While impeachment was being debated, sexual scandal suddenly struck the Republicans...[when] Salon e-zine cited [Judiciary Committee Chairman] Henry Hyde's confession that he once had an affair.... In the public's mind, this expanding case demonstrates the moral mischief of U.S. leaders from both political parties. Now Starr has to bear it, for he threw the first stone."

PHILIPPINES: "Americans Support Clinton"

Floro Mercene wrote in Tempo (9/25), sister publication of the conservative, top-circulation Manila Bulletin: "It is clear from the public opinion polls that Americans don't want President Clinton to leave office... With the American elites and masses on opposite sides of the Clinton question, the voters stand out as the tie-breakers.... The recent haggling over the release of the videotape of Clinton's grand jury deposition--and even the question of congressional

censure--will prove to be merely a light overture compared with the heavy crescendo of criticism and investigation that will come with the next Congress."

HONDURAS: "Modern-Day Inquisition"

Billy Pe?a noted in centrist Tiempo (9/24): "The decision of the [House] Judiciary Committee...to make public the sworn video testimony of President Clinton regarding his relations with Monica Lewinsky had but one goal: to damage the image of the president and force him to resign. I find the public presentation of this video to be humiliating and shameful.... There were moments when I felt the presence of the Spanish Inquisition and I felt sorry for the man, who, despite being the leader of the most powerful country in the world, was obliged to answer humiliating questions about his private life.... The only good thing to come out of the four hours of testimony was that we clearly saw that Clinton did not commit any crime, no violation of the Constitution whatsoever."

SENEGAL: "Senegalese Women Support Bill Clinton"

Islamic-oriented daily Walf-Jiri had this by Aminata Toure, a staff reporter of PANA (Pan African News Agency): "Senegalese women have expressed their unconditional support for Bill Clinton who is now being threatened with an impeachment action on the basis of the Monica Lewinski affair. 'Bill Clinton has not done anything worse than other men, and he does not deserve all this trouble,' so said Mrs. Adja Dieng, a mother in her fifties, resident of a working class section of Dakar.... Mrs.

Michelle Ndiaye Ntab, program officer of the African Institute for Democracy, said that the Lewinski affair is an indication of 'the decline of American democracy.' She continued: "We talk about the greatness and the decadence of a nation. I believe that the Americans have reached their apogee and they are now destroying what they have built."

NATO PUTS PRESSURE ON MILOSEVIC; NEXT STEPS UNCERTAIN

BRITAIN: "Are We On The Brink Of Another Bosnia?"

The conservative tabloid Daily Mail had this lead editorial (9/25): "One overriding reason compels the NATO governments to prepare for air strikes against Yugoslavian leader Slobodan Milosevic. Without such attacks there will probably be a humanitarian catastrophe in disaffected Kosovo... If Milosevic refuses to stop the savagery, a bombing campaign against his war machine is the only thing which might compel him. The question is what Britain and the West do then. As Bosnia should have taught us, our involvement is unlikely to be brief... Ministers must think carefully and long before committing soldiers to a war zone which is perhaps more dangerous than Bosnia."

"Stopping Milosevic"

The liberal Guardian opined (9/25): "Western policy on Kosovo is ratcheting up the adrenalin for the first time since the summer... Yet, in spite of the revival of tough Western talk, there is good reason for skepticism about whether it is enough. Slobodan Milosevic has a long history of

testing Western resolve right up to the brink, as well as exploiting the inevitable nuances between different Western governments in order to sow confusion and buy time. Nevertheless, the UN resolution takes an important step forward.... If a ceasefire is declared in line with the new resolution, then the UN should move promptly to authorize the dispatch of international peacekeepers as soon as possible. This would be far more effective and relevant than all NATO's hints of cruise missile strikes. These may have to come eventually, but the priority is action on the ground, not in the air."

FRANCE: "NATO Puts The Pressure On"

Pierre Bocev claimed in right-of-center Le Figaro (9/25): "Pressure on Milosevic has increased by a notch, but as before, he remains safe from military intervention.... On the Kosovo issue, the West continues to be confronted with a political headache. While it opposes Serbia's scorched earth policy, it cannot approve Kosovo's goals of independence, offering instead autonomy for the province. While NATO supports the conditions imposed by the UN, no deadline or ultimatum has been set.... Under these conditions, the threat of 'terrible consequences' for Milosevic carry very little impact."

GERMANY: "Muscle-Flexing Without Implications"

Peter Muench stated in an editorial in centrist Sueddeutsche Zeitung of Munich (9/25): "A few hours after the Kosovo resolution in the UN, NATO has now sent a 'final warning' to Belgrade.... The West is showing its determination in putting an end to violence in Kosovo.... But when the tone of the threats has ebbed, we will probably hear more about the controversy concerning the interpretation of the NATO and UN decisions. Russia has already made clear that it will continue to oppose any air strikes against Serbian targets. Even within NATO, there is only a limited consensus on future moves.... So far, the differences of opinion in the Alliance have been hushed up, because NATO's activities focused mainly on the technical preparations for military intervention. But now NATO is faced with the task of linking military plan to political will."

"'Tough Guy' Milosevic Will Not Yield"

Right-of-center Frankenpost of Hof (9/25) argued: "The partial mobilization of the air forces of the member states is a warning signal to Belgrade.... Greece, Italy, and France are hesitating. Russia is backing the UN Resolution but does not want any violence against its Serbian brothers and sisters. And in view of this situation a 'tough guy' such as Milosevic is supposed to feel scared? We cannot rule out that he will make concessions, but we can rule out that he will yield. The Serbian leadership clearly knows that NATO's threatening gesture is backed by a UN resolution that is as soft as wax, and that this resolution does not cover a military strike."

ITALY: "Clinton And NATO Issue An Ultimatum To Milosevic On Kosovo"

Andrea Nativi observed in leading rightist opposition Il Giornale (9/25):

"Enough, NATO has lost its patience and its war machine has already begun its march. As President Clinton warned yesterday, 'Milosevic has to negotiate with the Kosovars if he does not want to see his country under NATO bombs.' This is the result of the Atlantic Council meeting held yesterday in Vilamoura.... In any case, it will take a few days before a final decision is made, since, while the United States and Germany want a real ultimatum, many allies are still reluctant about the idea of attacking Serbia."

"NATO Prepares Intervention Against The Serbs"

A report in PDS (leading government party) L'Unita noted (9/25): "Within the Contact Group...and even within NATO there is no agreement on whether additional UN resolutions are needed before moving on to military action. Secretary Albright yesterday reiterated that the United States 'does not need UN authorization,' a position which openly clashes with that expressed by Russia, which does not want to hear about military interventions in the area. And even German Foreign Minister Kinkel...considers the resolution approved by the UN as a 'launching pad' towards additional steps, which need then to be voted by the Security Council."

SLOVENIA: "History Shows Milosevic Unresponsive To Threats"

Left-of-center independent Vecer commented (9/25): "The Security Council's...and NATO's

most recent threats...to the Yugoslav President can be called a new

pirouette of contemporary diplomacy. Milosevic has always made good use of the complicated process of diplomatic agreement...and perceived eventual lack of resolve of those who were supposed to resolve political conflicts. (Milosevic) has certainly not overlooked the fact that the resolution does not offer 'an international basis for NATO's intervention.'... Therefore it is unlikely that the present threats would stop his retaliatory attacks in Kosovo.... Because of Milosevic's arrogance and the international community's inability to...carry out even some of the most vital humanitarian measures, it can be expected that the dire situation in Kosovo will worsen. Since the beginning of summer--when Washington decided against the possibility of NATO air attacks--the number of refugees has significantly increased, villages (in Kosovo) have been burning, and the military has been attacking unarmed people. Like in cases of other Balkan conflicts...the international community can think of nothing wiser than the conditions for ending the cleansing of the 'rebellious province' through dialogue...Milosevic will eventually consent."

DENMARK: "NATO's Many Warnings"

Center-right Berlingske Tidende warned (9/25): "Of course the pressure on Milosevic has increased dramatically now, but experience shows that the government in Belgrade rarely reacts to pressure from the outside. The UN Security Council and NATO must understand that the time for more threats has passed. The credibility of both organizations will suffer severely unless the rattling of swords during the past few days is soon followed by an ultimatum with a deadline for the aggressor in this conflict to meet the

demands of the international community."

POLAND: "Direction: Kosovo"

Jan Skorzynski observed in centrist Rzeczpospolita (9/25): "The postulate of a NATO-led intervention in Kosovo has been reiterated since the very beginning of the military conflict in this Yugoslav province. It is time to put words into action.... The concept of intervention is not only supported by humanitarian arguments. The Kosovo conflict can easily spread to neighboring countries. Albania itself is on the verge of a civil war. Macedonia, where Albanians constitute 25 percent of the country's population, fears...the appeal for independence from Pristina.... The UNSC resolution of Wednesday paves a way for NATO military actions. The fact that Russia voted for the resolution does not yet mean that Moscow consents to the intervention. It is, however, a sign of a weakened Russia's objection."

RUSSIA: "Hopes For Accord Waning"

In reformist weekly Novoye Vremya Alexander Didusenko expressed concern about the situation in former Yugoslavia (9/27): "The hopes that the civil war in Albania has come to an end due to interference of the international community have not come true. Nor have the predictions that the signing of the Dayton Accords and the deployment of stabilization forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina will remove from power radical nationalists guilty of fomenting national and religious war in the republic. And finally, the approach of winter raises fears about the fate of tens of thousands of Kosovar refugees

who have left their homes as a result of continuing battles between the Serbian security forces and the Kosovar Albanians from the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA). In short, the Balkan fire is blazing and the world community is at a loss: there is no clear idea nor a consensus as to how it should be put out."

"NATO Is Preparing Kosovo For Winter"

Andrei Smirnov wrote in reformist daily Segodnya (9/25): "The problem is that partners in the Balkan settlement often interpret decisions in different ways. For instance, the UN resolution demands that both parties to the conflict immediately stop hostile actions. Western commentators mysteriously interpret that provision as an ultimatum to the Yugoslav leadership. Clinton's statement doesn't say a word about the Kosovo Liberation Army and other Albanian

separatist organizations. All the accusations are leveled at Belgrade which is threatened with every conceivable kind of punishment. The argument advanced to justify the use of force is curious. Allegedly, missile and bomb strikes have to be delivered so that the people of Kosovo should be able to prepare for winter. The punitive actions of the Serbian army and police have caused hundreds of thousands of Kosovar Albanians to leave their homes. As a result, the refugees will have to spend the winter in forests and other unlikely places, which could lead to humanitarian disasters. While all this is true, it remains unclear how bombings can help avert the disaster."

SPAIN: "Milosevic's Mistake"

Conservative ABC judged (9/25): "Milosevic is wrong when he says that the UN's and NATO's conduct and 'threats' against Serbia 'are totally outside the norms upon which international law and relations are based.' He also errs when he tries to sell the idea that Serbia's [Kosovo] policy is based on 'the defense of sovereignty, liberty and integrity,' and that Serbia is the victim of an international cabal. The resolution passed by the UN is in strict conformity with international treaties, and if there is anything about it which is to be regretted, it is that it has not come sooner.

Respect for legality and the desire to find a solution that takes the requirements of all the parties to the [Kosovo] conflict into account have been what has delayed the resolution of the confrontation--of which Milosevic is not just the sole cause, but also the only beneficiary. His warning that international intervention could cause the conflict to spread is but another threat to peace."

BRIEF

FINANCIAL ISSUES: JAPAN, BRETTON WOODS, HEDGE FUNDS

JAPAN: "Fragility Of The U.S.-Japan Alliance"

Liberal Mainichi's former Washington correspondent Komatsu observed (9/25):

"Repeating each other's first name only at summits will not lead to the development of true and strong friendship. The demonstration of a perfunctory first-name relationship is ludicrous and should, therefore, be

avoided.... In reality...there are many other countries the United States considers more important than Japan in its diplomatic strategy. There are only a few Americans who actually consider U.S.-Japan relations more important than U.S.-Russia ties or U.S.- U.K. relations.... It would be mistaken to believe the alliance is built on rock-solid reliability or remains unshakable forever."

HONG KONG: "Rescuing Hedge Funds"

The independent Hong Kong Economic Times told its readers (9/25): "The U.S. government decided to lend a hand to save the falling Long-term Capital Management fund, one of the major hedge funds.... Although the Hong Kong government has repeatedly called for worldwide cooperation on monitoring hedge funds, the U.S. government has turned a deaf ear to it and gave the hedge fund free rein.... Hopefully, the U.S. Federal Reserve Bureau would better understand why Hong Kong wants to strengthen their surveillance of hedge funds. Only when the U.S. government is willing to do something, will the Hong Kong currency get rid of the threat of being attacked again."

MALAYSIA: "IMF"

The government-influenced English-language Business Times emphasized (9/25): "Last Wednesday, [IMF Director] Camdessus finally admitted to errors by the IMF in its handling of the Southeast Asian financial crisis... Many forget that Malaysia introduced its exchange controls after a year of experimenting with the prescriptions of the IMF. The government found

that the Fund's approach was wrong. And that was not the only hitch. The IMF had refused to consider regulating currency trading, the root of the problems faced by Southeast Asian countries, and later by Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Africa, Russia and now Latin America. Camdessus can offer..a thousand apologies--in reality he has not offered even one--and it would still be too little too late."

BRITAIN: "Japan, Time To Wake Up'

The independent weekly Economist had this from Tokyo (9/25): "Slowly but surely the need to do something painful and dramatic has sunk in.... The truth is that the world's patience is running out. Japan is already viewed with a mixture of pity and contempt. It will now be branded a pariah if it fails to deal urgently with its banking crisis, as a crucial first step to getting its debilitated economy, the world's second biggest, moving again. It would then act at best as the necessary engine for renewed growth across Asia, at least as a vital guard against the danger of world recession turning into depression."

FRANCE: "A New Bretton Woods"

Left-of-center Le Monde stressed in its editorial (9/25): Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn is presenting a twelve point memorandum to the European Community on Friday, 'for a European initiative as a contribution to resolve the international financial instability.' The French initiative...claims to be nothing less than 'the construction of a new Bretton Woods.' Unfortunately, the measures proposed will look very modest in the eyes of those who want to put an end to the 'casino economy.'...

The timid measures advanced in the memorandum do not reflect a lack of political courage or imagination.... Simply, they are proof of the difficulty in reforming the world's financial system."

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STARR INVESTIGATION: 'DOWN TO RAW POLITICS'

In a steady stream of editorial comment on the aftermath of the Starr investigation, overseas analysts saw a "titanic fight" shaping up between the White House and the Congress. With the announcement yesterday that the House Judiciary Committee would hold an open hearing October 5 or 6 to debate the possibility of a formal impeachment inquiry, London's independent Financial Times noted wryly: "We can discount, too, the grandiloquent talk on Capitol Hill about honoring the Constitution and upholding the integrity of the American republic. Raw political calculation will decide President Clinton's future." A number of editorials continued to express sympathy for the president, viewing him as the "victim" of a modern-day "Inquisition." In Portugal, a group of national news organizations declared their refusal to be "part of the gigantic spectacle of collective voyeurism," and issued a joint statement that they would no longer publish "intimate details" of the president's life unless it was in the "obvious public interest" to do so. Dailies in Germany and Bosnia-Herzegovina stressed the need for the U.S. to remain engaged on foreign policy issues.

NATO PUTS PRESSURE ON MILOSEVIC; NEXT STEPS UNCERTAIN

Yesterday's decision at the NATO Defense Ministers meeting in Portugal authorizing NATO military authorities to issue an "activation warning" for a possible intervention in Kosovo garnered considerable attention in the European press. Many commentators viewed NATO's action, coming in the wake of the latest UNSC resolution, as paving the way for military action against Serbia. President Clinton's "tough" warning to Serbia yesterday was emphasized in some papers. Despite these moves by NATO and the UNSC, the majority of editorials doubted that Yugoslav leader Milosevic would respond to pressure by agreeing to a ceasefire and negotiations. Noting that Milosevic has shown himself to be immune to threats and cajoling, Britain's conservative Daily Mail reflected a typical opinion, "If Milosevic refuses to stop the savagery, a bombing campaign against his war machine is the only thing that might compel him." Commentators also expressed concern that, without NATO military action, the dire situation in Kosovo will worsen, spelling "a humanitarian disaster." Writers, however, pointed out that differences persist within the Contact Group and the Alliance over the need for a green light from the UN before military intervention is actually carried out. Indeed, several editorials pointed to ongoing debate in key capitals as evidence that translating talk into action will be difficult. Munich's centrist Sueddeutsche Zeitung, for example, predicted controversy concerning the interpretation of NATO and UN decisions, noting that even within NATO there is only limited consensus on future moves. It concluded, "Now NATO is faced with the task of linking military plan to political will."

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BRITAIN: "Down To Raw Politics"

The independent Financial Times carried this op-ed essay by political editor Philip Stephens (9/25): "We have moved beyond sex and lies in the matter of Bill Clinton's presidency. We can discount, too, the grandiloquent talk on Capitol Hill about honoring the Constitution and upholding the integrity of the American republic. Raw political calculation will decide President Clinton's future. This is territory on which the president knows how to fight. He intends to.... An accommodation--an admission by Mr. Clinton that he lied and a formal motion of censure by the Congress--is the most logical and likely outcome. Those who say that this is not punishment enough fail to understand the ambition Mr. Clinton had for his presidency. Nothing could be more painful for this politician than to be remembered for the stain he left on the dress of a young White House intern."

"Flawed But Popular"

The conservative Daily Telegraph's editorial stressed (9/25): "Americans hate to criticize any president, because he is their head of state. Some argue that he must go because he has dishonored that office. But many of those who--for the moment--support Mr. Clinton may believe his failings are less important than the office."

GERMANY: "Superpower Without A Vote"

Washington correspondent Stefan Kornelius filed this editorial for centrist Sueddeutsche Zeitung of Munich (9/25): "While U.S. Congress is fighting a Titanic fight about the political fate of the president, it is ignoring the problems in the world and the country. Without noticing it, in the coming months, the United States will pay a first diplomatic price for concentrating on the president's fate: The United States will lose its voting rights in the United Nations.... These days, Washington has other problems...not unrelated to the fact that the influence of and respect for the United States are slipping in the community of nations."

ITALY: "Clinton's Goal"

Arturo Zampaglione, writing from New York for left-leaning, influential La Repubblica opined (9/25): "Clinton's goal is clear. He wants to assume, to the extent possible, a presidential attitude and show that he can still do his job, counting on the support of public opinion, which believes that preserving the economic-social successes of the Democratic administration are more important than continuing to fight over White House lies--a position which was shared yesterday by a series of editorials in the New York Times and the Washington Post. The thesis they expressed is that, notwithstanding Clinton's mistakes, America will be better off by keeping its president rather than firing him."

RUSSIA: "What Next For America?"

Vitaly Gan asked in neo-communist Pravda (9/25): "What now?... [President Clinton] has been put to shame in the eyes of the whole world. Prosecutor Starr, closely linked to and financed by ultra-radicals, got what he wanted. And, although he has broken ethical standards by suggesting in his report that Clinton's behavior 'probably' gives grounds for impeachment, there is no question of removing him from power. Nor is [the president's] voluntary resignation on the cards because such a move would expose not only Clinton's successor, Vice President Al Gore, but the whole Democratic Party in the runup to the elections. Most probably the U.S. Congress will censure the president for 'improper behavior.'"

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA: "Izetbegovic's Only Choice: Keep Clinton"

Independent bi-weekly Dani (9/24) had this commentary by Nerzuk Curak: "If puritan America forces Bill Clinton out of the White House nothing will ever be the same in our country.... If [President Clinton] leaves the White House with his head down, from a global problem Bosnia could become a local one, with a serious tendency for the political and legal integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina to be threatened. The peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the big foreign policy success of President Clinton. It would be unfair that he remains remembered in history for a sex scandal instead of such a noble achievement as ending the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The deep discrediting of the U.S. president, into which [the special prosecutor] entered very naively, has all the characteristics of a systematic coup. Kenneth Starr is the Joseph McCarthy of the present day."

PORTUGAL: "We Will No Longer Be Party To Collective Voyeurism"

Major Portuguese media outlets have declared a self-imposed ban on publishing further details of President Clinton's affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. On 9/24 all participating organizations--including centrist Diario de Noticias--published the following joint announcement: "A group of national mass media outlets, among them the Diario de Noticias, decided not to detail, as of today, aspects of the intimate life of Bill Clinton that do not pass the test of obvious public interest." This is the text of the statement: "The investigation of prosecutor Kenneth Starr has been transformed into an obsessive and degrading inquisitorial process about the intimate life of President Clinton. We will continue, obviously, to transmit that information which we consider to be of journalistic interest about American current affairs, but we refuse to be part of the gigantic spectacle of collective voyeurism to which things have sunk. It is our profound conviction that the intimate life of a human being, even it is the president of the United States of America, does not justify this obscene inquiry. Therefore, we would like the public to know that the mass media outlets that we direct will no longer, as of today, detail aspects of the intimate life of Bill Clinton that do not pass the test of obvious public interest."

HONG KONG: "Lies And Evasion Rebound To Starr"

According to the independent South China Morning Post's editorial (9/25): "(Newly released documents) clearly should have been taken more directly into account by Mr. Starr, so raising fresh doubts about his impartiality.... The growing evidence that his has not always been the case is yet another reason for believing that this scandal will not succeed in forcing Mr. Clinton from office."

INDONESIA: "Scorched Earth At The White House"

In an article by A. Dahana, pro-government weekly Gatra contended (9/26): "Starr's report really put Clinton in a difficult situation. While impeachment was being debated, sexual scandal suddenly struck the Republicans...[when] Salon e-zine cited [Judiciary Committee Chairman] Henry Hyde's confession that he once had an affair.... In the public's mind, this expanding case demonstrates the moral mischief of U.S. leaders from both political parties. Now Starr has to bear it, for he threw the first stone."

PHILIPPINES: "Americans Support Clinton"

Floro Mercene wrote in Tempo (9/25), sister publication of the conservative, top-circulation Manila Bulletin: "It is clear from the public opinion polls that Americans don't want President Clinton to leave office... With the American elites and masses on opposite sides of the Clinton question, the voters stand out as the tie-breakers.... The recent haggling over the release of the videotape of Clinton's grand jury deposition--and even the question of congressional

censure--will prove to be merely a light overture compared with the heavy crescendo of criticism and investigation

that will come with the next Congress."

HONDURAS: "Modern-Day Inquisition"

Billy Peña noted in centrist Tiempo (9/24): "The decision of the [House] Judiciary Committee...to make public the sworn video testimony of President Clinton regarding his relations with Monica Lewinsky had but one goal: to damage the image of the president and force him to resign. I find the public presentation of this video to be humiliating and shameful.... There were moments when I felt the presence of the Spanish Inquisition and I felt sorry for the man, who, despite being the leader of the most powerful country in the world, was obliged to answer humiliating questions about his private life.... The only good thing to come out of the four hours of testimony was that we clearly saw that Clinton did not commit any crime, no violation of the Constitution whatsoever."

SENEGAL: "Senegalese Women Support Bill Clinton"

Islamic-oriented daily Walf-Jiri had this by Aminata Toure, a staff reporter of PANA (Pan African News Agency): "Senegalese women have expressed their unconditional support for Bill Clinton who is now being threatened with an impeachment action on the basis of the Monica Lewinski affair. 'Bill Clinton has not done anything worse than other men, and he does not deserve all this trouble,' so said Mrs. Adja Dieng, a mother in her fifties, resident of a working class section of Dakar.... Mrs. Michelle Ndiaye Ntab, program officer of the African Institute for Democracy, said that the Lewinski affair is an indication of 'the decline of American democracy.' She continued: 'We talk about the greatness and the decadence of a nation. I believe that the Americans have reached their apogee and they are now destroying what they have built.'"

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BRITAIN: "Are We On The Brink Of Another Bosnia?"

The conservative tabloid Daily Mail had this lead editorial (9/25): "One overriding reason compels the NATO governments to prepare for air strikes against Yugoslavian leader Slobodan Milosevic. Without such attacks there will probably be a humanitarian catastrophe in disaffected Kosovo... If Milosevic refuses to stop the savagery, a bombing campaign against his war machine is the only thing which might compel him. The question is what Britain and the West do then. As Bosnia should have taught us, our involvement is unlikely to be brief... Ministers must think carefully and long before committing soldiers to a war zone which is perhaps more dangerous than Bosnia."

"Stopping Milosevic"

The liberal Guardian opined (9/25): "Western policy on Kosovo is ratcheting up the adrenalin for the first time since the summer... Yet, in spite of the revival of tough Western talk, there is good reason for skepticism about whether it is enough. Slobodan Milosevic has a long history of testing Western resolve right up to the brink, as well as exploiting the inevitable nuances between different Western governments in order to sow confusion and buy time. Nevertheless, the UN resolution takes an important step forward.... If a ceasefire is declared in line with the new resolution, then the UN should move promptly to authorize the dispatch of international peacekeepers as soon as possible. This would be far more effective and relevant than all NATO's hints of cruise missile strikes. These may have to come eventually, but the priority is action on the ground, not in the air."

FRANCE: "NATO Puts The Pressure On"

Pierre Bocev claimed in right-of-center Le Figaro (9/25): "Pressure on Milosevic has increased by a notch, but as before, he remains safe from military intervention.... On the Kosovo issue, the West continues to be confronted with a political headache. While it opposes Serbia's scorched earth policy, it cannot approve Kosovo's goals of independence, offering instead autonomy for the province. While NATO supports the conditions imposed by the UN, no deadline or ultimatum has been set.... Under these conditions, the threat of 'terrible consequences' for Milosevic carry very little impact."

GERMANY: "Muscle-Flexing Without Implications"

Peter Muench stated in an editorial in centrist Sueddeutsche Zeitung of Munich (9/25): "A few hours after the Kosovo resolution in the UN, NATO has now sent a 'final warning' to Belgrade.... The West is showing its determination in putting an end to violence in Kosovo.... But when the tone of the threats has ebbed, we will probably hear more about the controversy concerning the interpretation of the NATO and UN decisions. Russia has already made clear that it will continue to oppose any air strikes against Serbian targets. Even within NATO, there is only a limited consensus on future moves.... So far, the differences of opinion in the Alliance have been hushed up, because NATO's activities focused mainly on the technical preparations for military intervention. But now NATO is faced with the task of linking military plan to political will."

"'Tough Guy' Milosevic Will Not Yield"

Right-of-center Frankenpost of Hof (9/25) argued: "The partial mobilization of the air forces of the member states is a warning signal to Belgrade.... Greece, Italy, and France are hesitating. Russia is backing the UN Resolution but does not want any violence against its Serbian brothers and sisters. And in view of this situation a 'tough guy' such as Milosevic is supposed to feel scared? We cannot rule out that he will make concessions, but we can rule out that he will yield. The Serbian leadership clearly knows that NATO's threatening gesture is backed by a UN resolution that is as soft as wax, and that this resolution does not cover a military strike."

ITALY: "Clinton And NATO Issue An Ultimatum To Milosevic On Kosovo"

Andrea Nativi observed in leading rightist opposition Il Giornale (9/25): "Enough, NATO has lost its patience and its war machine has already begun its march. As President Clinton warned yesterday, 'Milosevic has to negotiate with the Kosovars if he does not want to see his country under NATO bombs.' This is the result of the Atlantic Council meeting held yesterday in Vilamoura.... In any case, it will take a few days before a final decision is made, since, while the United States and Germany want a real ultimatum, many allies are still reluctant about the idea of attacking Serbia."

"NATO Prepares Intervention Against The Serbs"

A report in PDS (leading government party) L'Unita noted (9/25): "Within the Contact Group...and even within NATO there is no agreement on whether additional UN resolutions are needed before moving on to military action. Secretary Albright yesterday reiterated that the United States 'does not need UN authorization,' a position which openly clashes with that expressed by Russia, which does not want to hear about military interventions in the area. And even German Foreign Minister Kinkel...considers the resolution approved by the UN as a 'launching pad' towards additional steps, which need then to be voted by the Security Council."

SLOVENIA: "History Shows Milosevic Unresponsive To Threats"

Left-of-center independent Vecer commented (9/25): "The Security Council's...and NATO's

most recent threats...to the Yugoslav President can be called a new pirouette of contemporary diplomacy. Milosevic

has always made good use of the complicated process of diplomatic agreement...and perceived eventual lack of resolve of those who were supposed to resolve political conflicts. (Milosevic) has certainly not overlooked the fact that the resolution does not offer 'an international basis for NATO's intervention.'... Therefore it is unlikely that the present threats would stop his retaliatory attacks in Kosovo.... Because of Milosevic's arrogance and the international community's inability to...carry out even some of the most vital humanitarian measures, it can be expected that the dire situation in Kosovo will worsen. Since the beginning of summer--when Washington decided against the possibility of NATO air attacks--the number of refugees has significantly increased, villages (in Kosovo) have been burning, and the military has been attacking unarmed people. Like in cases of other Balkan conflicts...the international community can think of nothing wiser than the conditions for ending the cleansing of the 'rebellious province' through dialogue...Milosevic will eventually consent."

DENMARK: "NATO's Many Warnings"

Center-right Berlingske Tidende warned (9/25): "Of course the pressure on Milosevic has increased dramatically now, but experience shows that the government in Belgrade rarely reacts to pressure from the outside. The UN Security Council and NATO must understand that the time for more threats has passed. The credibility of both organizations will suffer severely unless the rattling of swords during the past few days is soon followed by an ultimatum with a deadline for the aggressor in this conflict to meet the demands of the international community."

POLAND: "Direction: Kosovo"

Jan Skorzynski observed in centrist Rzeczpospolita (9/25): "The postulate of a NATO-led intervention in Kosovo has been reiterated since the very beginning of the military conflict in this Yugoslav province. It is time to put words into action.... The concept of intervention is not only supported by humanitarian arguments. The Kosovo conflict can easily spread to neighboring countries. Albania itself is on the verge of a civil war. Macedonia, where Albanians constitute 25 percent of the country's population, fears...the appeal for independence from Pristina.... The UNSC resolution of Wednesday paves a way for NATO military actions. The fact that Russia voted for the resolution does not yet mean that Moscow consents to the intervention. It is, however, a sign of a weakened Russia's objection."

RUSSIA: "Hopes For Accord Waning"

In reformist weekly Novoye Vremya Alexander Didusenko expressed concern about the situation in former Yugoslavia (9/27): "The hopes that the civil war in Albania has come to an end due to interference of the international community have not come true. Nor have the predictions that the signing of the Dayton Accords and the deployment of stabilization forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina will remove from power radical nationalists guilty of fomenting national and religious war in the republic. And finally, the approach of winter raises fears about the fate of tens of thousands of Kosovar refugees who have left their homes as a result of continuing battles between the Serbian security forces and the Kosovar Albanians from the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA). In short, the Balkan fire is blazing and the world community is at a loss: there is no clear idea nor a consensus as to how it should be put out."

"NATO Is Preparing Kosovo For Winter"

Andrei Smirnov wrote in reformist daily Segodnya (9/25): "The problem is that partners in the Balkan settlement often interpret decisions in different ways. For instance, the UN resolution demands that both parties to the conflict immediately stop hostile actions. Western commentators mysteriously interpret that provision as an ultimatum to the Yugoslav leadership. Clinton's statement doesn't say a word about the Kosovo Liberation Army and other Albanian

separatist organizations. All the accusations are leveled at Belgrade which is threatened with every conceivable kind of punishment. The argument advanced to justify the use of force is curious. Allegedly, missile and bomb strikes have to be delivered so that the people of Kosovo should be able to prepare for winter. The punitive actions of the Serbian

army and police have caused hundreds of thousands of Kosovar Albanians to leave their homes. As a result, the refugees will have to spend the winter in forests and other unlikely places, which could lead to humanitarian disasters. While all this is true, it remains unclear how bombings can help avert the disaster."

SPAIN: "Milosevic's Mistake"

Conservative ABC judged (9/25): "Milosevic is wrong when he says that the UN's and NATO's conduct and 'threats' against Serbia 'are totally outside the norms upon which international law and relations are based.' He also errs when he tries to sell the idea that Serbia's [Kosovo] policy is based on 'the defense of sovereignty, liberty and integrity,' and that Serbia is the victim of an international cabal. The resolution passed by the UN is in strict conformity with international treaties, and if there is anything about it which is to be regretted, it is that it has not come sooner. Respect for legality and the desire to find a solution that takes the requirements of all the parties to the [Kosovo] conflict into account have been what has delayed the resolution of the confrontation--of which Milosevic is not just the sole cause, but also the only beneficiary. His warning that international intervention could cause the conflict to spread is but another threat to peace."

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FINANCIAL ISSUES: JAPAN, BRETTON WOODS, HEDGE FUNDS

JAPAN: "Fragility Of The U.S.-Japan Alliance"

Liberal Mainichi's former Washington correspondent Komatsu observed (9/25): "Repeating each other's first name only at summits will not lead to the development of true and strong friendship. The demonstration of a perfunctory first-name relationship is ludicrous and should, therefore, be avoided.... In reality...there are many other countries the United States considers more important than Japan in its diplomatic strategy. There are only a few Americans who actually consider U.S.-Japan relations more important than U.S.-Russia ties or U.S.- U.K. relations.... It would be mistaken to believe the alliance is built on rock-solid reliability or remains unshakable forever."

HONG KONG: "Rescuing Hedge Funds"

The independent Hong Kong Economic Times told its readers (9/25): "The U.S. government decided to lend a hand to save the falling Long-term Capital Management fund, one of the major hedge funds.... Although the Hong Kong government has repeatedly called for worldwide cooperation on monitoring hedge funds, the U.S. government has turned a deaf ear to it and gave the hedge fund free rein.... Hopefully, the U.S. Federal Reserve Bureau would better understand why Hong Kong wants to strengthen their surveillance of hedge funds. Only when the U.S. government is willing to do something, will the Hong Kong currency get rid of the threat of being attacked again."

MALAYSIA: "IMF"

The government-influenced English-language Business Times emphasized (9/25): "Last Wednesday, [IMF Director] Camdessus finally admitted to errors by the IMF in its handling of the Southeast Asian financial crisis... Many forget that Malaysia introduced its exchange controls after a year of experimenting with the prescriptions of the IMF. The government found

that the Fund's approach was wrong. And that was not the only hitch. The IMF had refused to consider regulating currency trading, the root of the problems faced by Southeast Asian countries, and later by Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Africa, Russia and now Latin America. Camdessus can offer..a thousand apologies--in reality he has not offered even one--and it would still be too little too late."

BRITAIN: "Japan, Time To Wake Up"

The independent weekly Economist had this from Tokyo (9/25): "Slowly but surely the need to do something painful and dramatic has sunk in.... The truth is that the world's patience is running out. Japan is already viewed with a mixture of pity and contempt. It will now be branded a pariah if it fails to deal urgently with its banking crisis, as a crucial first step to getting its debilitated economy, the world's second biggest, moving again. It would then act at best as the necessary engine for renewed growth across Asia, at least as a vital guard against the danger of world recession turning into depression."

FRANCE: "A New Bretton Woods"

Left-of-center Le Monde stressed in its editorial (9/25): Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn is presenting a twelve point memorandum to the European Community on Friday, 'for a European initiative as a contribution to resolve the international financial instability.' The French initiative...claims to be nothing less than 'the construction of a new Bretton Woods.' Unfortunately, the measures proposed will look very modest in the eyes of those who want to put an end to the 'casino economy.'... The timid measures advanced in the memorandum do not reflect a lack of political courage or imagination.... Simply, they are proof of the difficulty in reforming the world's financial system."

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