Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S865–S946

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1669–1672. **Pages S919–20**

Campaign Finance Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 1663, to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for politics by a corporation or labor organization, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S869–82, S884–S919**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1646, in the nature of a substitute. (By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 12), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

Pages S869–82, S884–S906, S908–09

Snowe Amendment No. 1647 (to Amendment No. 1646), to amend those provisions with respect to communications made during elections, including communications made by independent organizations.

Pages S906–909, S911–19

Lott Amendment No. 1648 (to Amendment No. 1647), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S907**

Lott Amendment No. 1649, to prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Communications Commission to impose or enforce requirements with respect to electioneering communications. **Page S907**

Lott Amendment No. 1650 (to Amendment No. 1649), of a perfecting nature. **Page S907**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with instructions. **Page S907**

Lott Amendment No. 1651 (to the instructions in the motion to recommit), to prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Communications Commission to impose or enforce requirements with respect to electioneering communications. **Pages S907–08**

Lott Amendment No. 1652 (to Amendment No. 1651), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S907–08**

Lott Amendment No. 1653 (to Amendment No. 1652), of a perfecting nature. **Page S908**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 1647, listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, February 26, 1998.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 1646, listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Thursday, February 26, 1998.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Thursday, February 26, 1998. **Page S919**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto, on Wednesday, February 25, 1998.

Appointment:

Amtrak Reform Council: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–134, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Amtrak Reform Council: Gilbert E. Carmichael, of Mississippi, Joseph Vranich, of Pennsylvania, and Paul M. Wyrich, of Virginia. **Page S943**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of an executive order ordering the Selected Reserve of the armed forces to active duty; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–97) **Page S919**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

George McGovern, of South Dakota, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Mary Beth West, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Space.

Melvin R. Wright, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army and Marine Corps.

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Messages From the President: **Page S919**

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Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S920–31**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S941–42**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—12) **Pages S905–06**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S943.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from I. Miley Gonzalez, Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics, Eileen Kennedy, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics, Donald Bay, Administrator, National Agriculture Statistics Service, Floyd P. Horn, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Susan Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service, Bobby H. Robinson, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director, Budget, Legislation, and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, February 26.

APPROPRIATIONS—JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Justice, receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, and Stephen R. Colgate, Assistant Attorney General for Administration, both of the Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, February 26.

OPERATIONAL READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held hearings to examine the status of the operational readiness of the United States military forces including the availability of resources and training opportunities necessary to meet our national security requirements, receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Herbert A. Browne, Jr., II, USN, Commander, III Fleet; Maj. Gen. Marvin R. Esmond, USAF, Commander, Air Force Air Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base; Maj. Gen. Ronald G. Richard, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center; Brig. Gen. Dean W. Cash, USA, Commanding General, National Training Center and Fort Irwin; Col. Thomas Matthews, USA, Commander, Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division; Capt. Thomas Kilcline, USN, Commander, Carrier Air Group 14; Col. Stephen Bozarth, USAF, Commander, 388th Fighter Wing Operations Group; and Col. Emerson N. Gardner, USMC, Commander, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Committee's Task Force on Social Security concluded hearings to discuss the Administration's plans to safeguard Social Security in the context of the Federal budget, after receiving testimony from Franklin D. Raines, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; and Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, Social Security Administration.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed hearings to examine the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, receiving testimony from Geoffrey C. Bible, Philip Morris Companies, Inc., Steven F. Goldstone, RJR Nabisco, Inc., and Laurence A. Tisch, Loews Corporation, all of New York, New York; Nicholas G. Brookes, Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corporation, Louisville, Kentucky; and Vincent A. Gierer, Jr., UST Inc., Greenwich, Connecticut.

Hearings continue on Thursday, February 26.

GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded oversight hearings to examine the National Park Service's proposal to develop a visitor center and museum facility complex at the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania, after receiving testimony from Senators Specter and Santorum; Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Ralph W. Tarr, Andrews & Kurth, Washington, D.C., former Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Walter L. Powell, Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, and Keith G. Dorman, Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg, both of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Richard Moe, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C.; and Dennis E. Frye, Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, New York, New York.

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine Administration views on the proposed Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic (these protocols were opened for signature at Brussels on December 16, 1997, and signed on behalf of the United States and other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty) (Treaty Doc. 105–36), receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings on S. 981, to provide for the analysis of major regulatory rules by Federal agencies, receiving testimony from Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences and Chairman, National Research Council; Ohio Governor George V. Voinovich, Columbus, and Nebraska Governor Ben Nelson, Lincoln, both on behalf of the National Governors' Association; Milton Russell, Joint Institute for Energy and Environment/University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Nancy Donley, Chicago, Illinois, and Sue Doneth, Marshall, Michigan, both on behalf of Safe Tables Our Priority; Lester M. Crawford, Georgetown University, Warren Belmar, American Bar Association, Franklin E. Mirer, United Auto Workers, Karen Florini, Environmental Defense Fund, and Robert E. Litan, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.; and Michael A. Resnick, National School Boards Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights concluded hearings to examine whether term limits or campaign finance reform would provide true political reform, after receiving testimony from Missouri State Representative Joan Bray, Jefferson City; James A. Buchen, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, Madison; Donald Simon, Common Cause, David Keene, American Conservative Union, and Paul Jacob, US Term Limits, all of Washington, D.C.; Bradley A. Smith, Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio; and Rod Pacheco, Riverside, California.

FOREIGN TERRORISTS IN AMERICA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings to examine the extent of and policies to prevent foreign terrorist operations in America, focusing on certain incidences of terrorist attacks in the United States, including the bombing incident at the World Trade Center in New York City, after receiving testimony from Dale L. Watson, Section Chief for International Terrorism Operations, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Walter D. Cadman, Counterterrorism Coordinator, Office of Field Operations, Immigration and Naturalization Service, both of the Department of Justice; Richard A. Rohde, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; J. Gilmore Childers, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, New York, New York; Henry J. DePippo, Nixon Hargrave Devans & Doyle, Rochester, New York; Patrick J. Colgan, Jr., PBL Associates, Wyckoff, New Jersey; Benjamin Jacobson, Peregrine Group, Miami, Florida; and Steven Emerson, The Investigative Project, and Omar Ashmawy, both of Washington, D.C.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee resumed hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, and S. 1648, to provide for reductions in youth smoking, for advancements in tobacco-related research, and the development of safer tobacco products, receiving testimony from Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health; Lewis A. Grossman, American University Washington College of Law, Richard M. Cooper, Williams & Connolly, on behalf of R.J. Reynolds

Tobacco Company, and Richard A. Levinson, American Public Health Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Jack E. Henningfield, Pinney Associates, Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the Society of Research on Nicotine and Tobacco; Jon D. Hanson, Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Kyle D. Logue, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Togo Dennis West Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Faircloth, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11public bills, H.R. 3246–3256; 1 private bill, H.R. 3257; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 223 and H. Res. 365, were introduced. **Pages H577–78**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3116, to address the Year 2000 computer problems with regard to financial institutions, to extend examination parity to the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision and the National Credit Union Administration, amended (H. Rept. 105–417);

H.R. 2460, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to scanning receivers and similar devices, amended (H. Rept. 105–418);

H. Res. 366, providing for consideration of H.R. 2181, to ensure the safety of witnesses and to promote notification of the interstate relocation of witnesses by States and localities engaging in that relocation (H. Rept. 105–419); and

H. Res. 367, providing for consideration of H.R. 1544, to prevent Federal agencies from pursuing policies of unjustifiable nonacquiescence in, and relitigation of, precedents established in the Federal judicial circuits (H. Rept. 105–420). **Page H577**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Barrett of Nebraska to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H499**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:24 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H508**

Presidential Message—Activation of Selected Reserves: Read a message from the President wherein he authorized the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Transportation, with respect to the Coast Guard, to order to active duty Selected Reserve units and individuals not assigned to units to augment the Active components in support of operations in and around southwest Asia—referred to the Committee on National Security and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–217). **Pages H509–10**

National Education Goals Panel: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Martinez to the National Education Goals Panel. **Page H510**

Amtrak Reform Council: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Mr. S. Lee Kling of Villa Ridge, Missouri to the Amtrak Reform Council. **Page H510**

George Washington's Birthday Observance: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Davis of Virginia and Hoyer to represent the House of Representatives at wreath laying ceremonies at the Washington monument for the observance of George Washington's birthday held on Monday, February 23, 1998. **Page H510**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Immigrant Status for NATO Civilian Employees: H.R. 429, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for special immigrant status for NATO civilian employees in the same manner as for employees of international organizations; **Page H510**

Year 2000 Computer Problems: H.R. 3116, amended, to address the Year 2000 computer problems with regard to financial institutions, to extend examination parity to the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision and the National Credit Union Administration; **Pages H512–13**

Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reauthorization: H.Res. 365, regarding the bill S. 1150, the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reauthorization Act of 1998. Subsequently appointed as conferees: Representatives Smith of Oregon, Combest, Barrett of Nebraska, Stenholm, and Dooley; **Pages H516–21**

Howard C. Nielson Post Office Building: H.R. 3120, to designate the United States Post Office located at 95 West 100 South Street in Provo, Utah, as the "Howard C. Nielson Post Office Building." Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H521–23**

Karl Bernal Post Office Building: H.R. 2766, to designate the United States Post Office located at 215 East Jackson Street in Painesville, Ohio, as the "Karl Bernal Post Office Building;" **Pages H523–24**

Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building: S. 916, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building"—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H524–26**

Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office Building: H.R. 2836, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 180 East Kellogg Boulevard in Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the "Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office Building;" **Pages H526–27**

Daniel J. Doffyn Post Office Building: H.R. 2773, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3750 North Kedzie Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Daniel J. Doffyn Post Office Building;" **Pages H527–28**

Larry Doby Post Office: S. 985, to designate the post office located at 194 Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey, as the "Larry Doby Post Office"—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H528–30**

Minimum Sentences for Criminals Possessing Firearms: H.R. 424, to provide for increased mandatory minimum sentences for criminals possessing firearms (passed by a yea and nay vote of 350 yeas to 59 nays, Roll No. 18). **Pages H530–36**

Re-Referral of Executive Communication: It was made in order that the Committee on Agriculture be discharged from consideration of an Environmental Protection Agency rule on State Implementation Plans under the Clean Air Act, and that executive communication 6736 be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce. **Page H521**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H499.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H535–36. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services. Testimony was heard from August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and Len Rogers, Acting Assistant Administrator, Humanitarian Response, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education held a hearing on Employment and Training Administration/Veterans Employment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Raymond J. Uhalde, Acting Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training; and Espiridion Borrego, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Services.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation and on the National Credit Union Administration. Testimony was heard from George Knight, Executive Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation; and Norman E. D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration.

CONDUCT OF MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing to review the Federal Reserve's conduct of monetary policy (Humphrey-Hawkins). Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

TEACHER TRAINING

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on Teacher Training. Testimony was heard from Eugene Hickok, Secretary of Education, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RETIREMENT COVERAGE CORRECTIONS ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action amended the Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn, Associate Director, Retirement and Information Service, OPM; Roger W. Mehle, Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—GULF WAR VETERANS HEALTH CONCERNS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a oversight hearing on ways to improve the federal government's approach to research into the health concerns of Gulf War veterans. Testimony was heard from John Feussner, M.D., Chief Research and Development Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; Anna Johnson-Winegar, Director, Environmental and Life Sciences, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Drue Barrett, Environmental Hazards and Health Effects Division and William Reeves, M.D., Branch Chief, Viral Exanthems, both with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Sheila Newton, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Donna Heivilin, Director, Planning and Reporting, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—REFUGEE PROGRAMS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Annual Oversight of Refugee Programs, Policies, and Budget. Testimony was heard from Julia Taft, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State; and public witnesses.

DEPOT ISSUES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on depot issues. Testimony was heard from Henry L. Hinton, Jr., Assistant Comptroller, GAO.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2223, Education Land Grant Act; H.R. 1728, National Park Service Administrative Amendment of 1997; and H.R. 2993, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units. Testimony was heard from Representative Hayworth; Sandra Key, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: John M. Berry, Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget; and Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director, Park Operations and Education, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

WITNESS PROTECTION AND INTERSTATE RELOCATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2181, Witness Protection and Interstate Relocation Act of 1997. The rule provides that the bill will be considered by title, and each title will be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative McCollum.

FEDERAL AGENCY COMPLIANCE ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1544, Federal Agency Compliance Act. The rule makes in order the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes which shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendment in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Gekas.

VETERAN'S LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3039, Veterans' Transitional Housing Opportunities Act of 1997; and H.R. 3211, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for burial at Arlington National Cemetery. Testimony was heard from John McLaurin,

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Military Personnel Management and Equal Opportunity Policy), Department of the Army; Keith Pedigo, Director, Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Raymond Boland, Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Wisconsin; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

TREASURY REPORT—INNOCENT SPOUSE RELIEF

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Treasury Department Report on Innocent Spouse Relief. Testimony was heard from Donald C. Lubick, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; and Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, GAO.

ASIA TRADE ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Asia Trade Issues. Testimony was heard from Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; David A. Lipton, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

IMF AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the financing, procedures, administration, and economic impact of the International Monetary Fund, after receiving testimony from Timothy Geithner, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Charles Calomiris, Columbia University, New York, New York; Allan Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Larry Lindsey, American Enterprise Institute, and C. Fred Bergsten, Institute for International Economics, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, to continue hearings on the status of the operational readiness of the U.S. military forces including the availability of resources and training opportunities necessary to meet our national security requirements, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on monetary policy of the United States, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine long term budget projections and issues, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Rail Safety Act, 2 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the use of speciality forest products from the National Forests, 10:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance, to resume hearings on proposals and recommendations to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, including a related measure H.R. 2676, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on the implementation of U.S. policy on construction of a Western Caspian Sea oil pipeline, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Robert T. Grey, Jr., of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, 2 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine incidences of high tech worker shortage and immigration policy, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending judicial nominations, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine how to mobilize school and community resources during non-school hours, 9:30 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold oversight hearings on the strategic plan implementation including budget requests for the operations of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and the Architect of the Capitol, 9 a.m., SR–301.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for Indian programs, 9:30 a.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FDA, 1 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Legal Services Corporation, 10:30 a.m., H–309 Capitol, and on the Secretary of State, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Security Assistance, 10 a.m., H–144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Pension Agencies and Office of Inspector General (Labor), 10 a.m., and on the Employment

Standards Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Army Construction, 9:30 a.m., B–300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on FY 1999, Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn, and, executive, on FY 1999, Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Treasury Law Enforcement, 10 a.m, and 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Consumer Product Safety Commission, 2:30 p.m., and on the Consumer Information Center, 3:30 p.m., H–143 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on the tobacco settlement, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, hearing on ''Yah Lin'Charlie'' Trie's Relationship with the Democratic National Committee and the Administration,'' 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on U.S. Options in Confronting Iraq, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to mark up H. Res. 364, urging introduction and passage of a resolution on the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China at the 54th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights; followed by a hearing on the Peruvian Population Control Program, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to mark up H.R. 1704, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act; followed by an oversight hearing on the U.S. Department of Justice's Executive Office for U.S. Attorney, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and Executive Office for U.S. Trustees, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing regarding the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., and to mark up H.R. 3206, Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1998, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive narcotic and should not be legalized for medicinal use, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, executive, a threat assessment briefing from the intelligence community, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, to continue hearings on depot issues, 8 a.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2756, Kake Tribal Corporation Land Exchange Act; H.R. 2812, Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition Act; H.R. 2924, to amend the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for selection of lands by certain veterans of the Vietnam era and by the Elim Native Corporation; H.R. 3087, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to grant an easement to Chugrach Alaska Corporation; and H.R. 3088, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the Administration's Forest Service Roadless Area Moratorium, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2460, Wireless Telephone Protection Act, 3 p.m., H–312 the Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment hearing on the following: Department of Energy FY 1999 Budget Authorization Request; H.R. 1806, to provide for the consolidation of the Office of Fossil Energy and the Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency of the Department of Energy; and S. 965, to amend title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 to extend an authorization contained therein, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, oversight hearing on FY 1999 Budget Request: The Sciences at NASA, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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Senate will also resume consideration of S. 1663, regarding campaign finance reform.

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House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 1544, Federal Agency Compliance Act (open rule, 1 hour of general debate); and

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