

Monday, May 22, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7027–S7136

Measures Introduced: Three bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 838–840, and S. Res. 122–124. Page S7120

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 440, to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–86) Page S7120

Measures Passed:

Designation of Senate Curator Emeritus: Senate agreed to S. Res. 122, designating James R. Ketchum as Curator Emeritus of the United States Senate. Pages S7078, S7128

Retirement of Senate Executive Clerk: Senate agreed to S. Res. 123, relating to the retirement of Gerald A. Hackett. Pages S7078, S7128–29

Retirement of Senate Assistant: Senate agreed to S. Res. 124, relating to the retirement of Frederick R. Broomfield, Sr. Pages S7078, S7129

Congressional Budget: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 13, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S7027–S7117

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 174), Cohen Modified Amendment No. 1116, to express the sense of the Senate regarding losses of trust funds due to fraud and abuse in the medicare program. Pages S7078–83, S7101

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 173), Rockefeller Amendment No. 1112, to reduce the tax cut and apply the savings to medicare and medicaid. Pages S7027–77

Pending:

Roth Amendment No. 1121, to express the sense of the Senate that the number of Federal full-time equivalent positions should be further reduced. Pages S7101–17

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote to occur on the pending amendment on Tuesday, May 23, 1995. Page S7117

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate took the following action:

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 175), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Harkin/Hollings Amendment No. 1117, to restore funding to education by using amounts set aside for a tax cut. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of Section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. Pages S7083–S7101

Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Tuesday, May 23, 1995.

Supplemental Rescissions Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995. Page S7100

Messages From the House: Page S7119

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—175) Pages S7077, S7101

Recess: Senate convened at 8:30 a.m., and recessed at 10:08 p.m., until 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 23,

1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on pages S7135-36.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AOC/GPO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, receiving testimony in behalf of their respective activities from George M. White, Architect of the Capitol; and Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

Subcommittee will meet again on Friday, May 26.

CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY ACT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Peace Corps Affairs held hearings on S. 381, to strengthen international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, and to develop a plan to support a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, receiving testimony from Senator Simon; Representatives Torricelli and Menendez; Peter Tarnoff, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and R.

Richard Newcomb, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury.

Hearings resume on Wednesday, June 7.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Inez Smith Reid, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Ronna Lee Beck, Linda Kay Davis, and Eric Tyson Washington, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FEDERAL PENSION REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service held hearings on proposals to reform the Federal pension system, focusing on how Federal pension plans compare to private sector plans, receiving testimony from Johnny C. Finch, Assistant Comptroller General, and Bob Shelton, Assistant Division Director, Federal Human Resource Management Issues, both of the General Government Division, General Accounting Office; and Carolyn Merck, Specialist in Social Legislation, Education and Public Welfare Division, Congressional Research Service.

Subcommittee will meet again on Monday, June 19.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal year 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, amended (H. Rept. 104-128, Part 1, filed May 19); and

H. Res. 155, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act of 1995 (H. Rept. 104-129). Pages H5373-74

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Kim to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5369

Recess: House recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. Page H5371

Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee. Page H5373

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H5369.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at noon and adjourned at 4:17 p.m. Page H5373

Committee Meetings

INSURANCE STATE'S AND CONSUMER RIGHTS CLARIFICATION AND FAIR COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 1317, Insurance State's and Consumer Rights Clarification and Fair Competitiveness Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Jim Long, Commissioner

of Insurance, Department of Insurance, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials held an oversight hearing to determine if ammonium nitrate fertilizer used in the fatal bombing of the Alfred R. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City can be neutralized to prevent future tragedies. Testimony was heard from Ralph C. Ostrowski, Chief, Arson and Explosives Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Department of the Treasury; Tony Fainburg, Senior Associate/Project Director, OTA; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTEREST ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a modified open rule providing 2 hours of general debate on H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act of 1995.

The rule waives clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (three day availability for committee reports); section 302(f) (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority in excess of a committee's allocation); 303(a) (prohibiting consideration of budgetary legislation prior to the adoption of the budget resolution); 308(a) requiring a CBO cost estimate in the committee report on legislation containing new entitlement, spending, or budget authority, or a change in revenues); 402(a) (credit authority not subject to appropriations in advance) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against consideration of the bill.

The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The committee amendment shall be considered as read. The rule waives clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations on a legislative bill); section 302(f); 303(a); and 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against the committee amendment.

The rule requires that amendments be pre-printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The rule further provides for consideration for amendment under the 5-minute rule for 10 hours, followed by debate as guaranteed under clause 6 of rule XXIII (permitting five minutes for and against each amendment). Consideration of the bill for amendment may not continue beyond 2:30 p.m., on Thursday, May 25, 1995. The rule allows the chairman of the International Relations Committee the authority to offer certain pre-printed amendments en bloc or germane modifications of any such amendment. The amendments shall not be subject to amendment or to a di-

vision of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule deletes section 2210 from the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute through a self-executing provision. Section 2210 would establish a new scorekeeping system for certain lease purchasing agreements that is contrary to scorekeeping under the Budget Act. As such, the provision violates section 306 of the Budget Act which prohibits the consideration of amendments under the Budget Committee's jurisdiction if offered to bills not reported by the Budget Committee. Since the Budget Committee has communicated opposition to waiving points of order against the International Relations Committee's amendment in the nature of a substitute for this provision, the provision in the rule would delete the offending section from the substitute.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman and Representative Hamilton.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY—21ST CENTURY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on the Intelligence Community in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from the following former Directors of the CIA: Ambassador Richard Helms; James R. Schlesinger; William Colby; Adm. Stansfield Turner; William H. Webster, and R. James Woolsey.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to resume hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on Federal nutrition programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense, focusing on financial management, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on the District of Columbia public schools, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine arms transfer policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, closed business meeting, to consider pending military nominations, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold oversight hearings on NASA's Space Station Program, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 620, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey, upon request, certain property in Federal reclamation projects to beneficiaries of the projects and to set forth a distribution scheme for revenues from reclamation project lands, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, to hold hearings to review the Department of the Interior's programs, policies and budget implications on the reintroduction of wolves in and around Yellowstone National Park, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation authorizing funds for foreign assistance programs, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on the nominations of S. David Fineman, of Pennsylvania, and Robert F. Rider, of Delaware, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and G. Edward Deseve, of Pennsylvania, to be Comptroller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, 11 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of John W. Carlin, of Kansas, to be Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on activities of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 9 a.m., SD-430.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1094-95 in today's RECORD.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, to mark up Titles I, II, and III of H.R. 1627, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the impact of maintaining, reforming, or eliminating Federal Milk Marketing Orders (FMMOs), criteria for the consolidation of FMMO order regions, revisions in the pooling and sharing of FMMO receipts, proposals for a single national order, and the continuation or preemption of state orders, 9 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on D.C. Finances, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on EPA, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to continue hearings on the broad issue of regulatory burden relief as well as those matters addressed in H.R. 1362, Financial Institutions Regulatory Relief Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, to continue hearings on the reauthorization of the Superfund program, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on EEOC Administrative Reforms/Case Processing, 1 p.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Federal Direct Student Loan program, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to continue hearings on Consolidating Federal Programs and Organizations, Part 2, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on Waste and Fraud in the following Departments; Education; Health and Human Services; Housing and Urban Development; Labor; and Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Postal Service, oversight hearing on the U.S. Postal Service, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Oversight, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on the reform of laws governing lobbying, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, to mark up H.R. 1530, National Defense Authorization for fiscal year 1996, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, to mark up H.R. 1530, National Defense Authorization for fiscal year 1996, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports, and Business Opportunities, to continue hearings on the appropriate role and the effectiveness of various Federal Government programs in helping small businesses find export opportunities around the world, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to consider pending business, 1 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security Disability Insurance Program, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on United States-China Trade Relations and Renewal of China's Most-Favored Nation Status, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Guatemala, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 13, Congressional Budget.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following measures:

Consideration of H.R. 614, New London National Fish Hatchery (open rule, 1 hour of general debate);

H.R. 584, Fish Hatchery Conveyance (open rule, 1 hour of general debate);

H.R. 535, Corning National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act (open rule, 1 hour of general debate); and

H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act of 1995 (modified open rule, 1 hour of general debate).

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