

Friday, February 16, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Senate met at 10:29:47 a.m. in pro forma session, and recessed at 10:29:59 a.m., until 11 a.m., Tuesday, February 20, 1996.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: On Wednesday, February 14, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Rockefeller, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

MEDICARE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: On Wednesday, February 14, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine the Medicare billing process by certain hospitals for investigational medical devices and procedures, receiving testimony from Jack Hartwig, Deputy Inspector General, and Tom Ault, Director, Bureau of Policy Development, and Gary Kavanagh, Deputy Director, Bureau of Program Operations, both of the Health Care Financing Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Dennis Stillman, University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle; Anthony M. Sanzo, Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Patrick Fry, Sutter Community Hospitals, and Mark W. Rieger, Sutter Memorial Hospital, both of Sacramento, California; and Farrell Maier, Sparks, Oklahoma.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: One public bill, H.R. 2966; and one resolution, H.J. Res. 160, were introduced.

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Presidential Message—Economic Report: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his economic report—referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-161).

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

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D74)

H.R. 2029, to amend the Farm Credit Act of 1971 to provide regulatory relief. Signed February 10, 1996. (P.L. 104-105)

S. 1124, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. Signed February 10, 1996. (P.L. 104-106)

H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. Signed February 12, 1996. (P.L. 104-107)

H.R. 2111, to designate the Social Security Administration's Western Program Service Center located at 1221 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, California, as the "Francis J. Hagel Building". Signed February 12, 1996. (P.L. 104-108)

H.R. 2726, to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans. Signed February 12, 1996. (P.L. 104-109)

H.R. 2353, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to delivery of health and medical care. Signed February 13, 1996. (P.L. 104-110)

H.R. 2657, to award a congressional gold medal to Ruth and Billy Graham. Signed February 13, 1996. (P.L. 104-111)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 19 through 24, 1996

Senate Chamber

On *Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday*, Senate will not be in session.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will conduct routine morning business.

On *Friday*, Senate will consider the conference report on H.R. 2546, D.C. Appropriations.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: February 21, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the effects of fiscal year 1996 funding shortfalls and uncertainties on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 22, to hold hearings to assess problems in monitoring and enforcing parole under the interstate compact, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: February 21 and 22, to hold hearings on S. 1477, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

House Chamber

Schedule for week is uncertain.

House Committees

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, February 20, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on the Conduct of Monetary Policy, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, February 21, hearing on the Unanimous Bipartisan National Governors' Association Agreement on Medicaid, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, February 22, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on H.R. 2086, Local Empowerment and Flexibility Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 23, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, oversight hearing on the Water and Sewer Systems of the District of Columbia, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, February 22, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Exports, Growth and Jobs—Reauthorizing Federal Export Assistance Programs, Part I, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 20, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the welfare reform proposals developed by the National Governors' Association, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.