

Wednesday, February 28, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. Res. 226 and S. Res. 227.

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**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. Res. 227, to authorize the use of additional funds for salaries and expenses of the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters.

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**D.C. APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE REPORT—CLOTURE VOTE AGREEMENT:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report on H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, to occur at 12:30 p.m., on Thursday, February 29, 1996.

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Recess:** Senate convened at 11:30 a.m., and recessed at 1:35 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 29, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1397.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE JOINT REQUIREMENTS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings to review the role of the Department of Defense Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC),

after receiving testimony from Adm. William A. Owens, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

#### WHITEWATER

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Development:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 227) to authorize the use of additional funds for salaries and expenses of the Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters.

#### GOVERNORS PROPOSAL ON WELFARE AND MEDICAID

*Committee on Finance:* Committee resumed hearings on the bipartisan National Governors' Association proposals to reform the Federal Medicaid and welfare programs, focusing on the Administration's views, receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of James E. Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, and Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Mr. Johnson, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### UNITED STATES-EURATOM AGREEMENT FOR PEACEFUL NUCLEAR COOPERATION

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee held hearings to review the proposed United States-European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) Agreement for peaceful nuclear cooperation, and to examine the ability of the United States to track exported U.S. nuclear materials, receiving testimony from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Fred McGoldrick, Principal Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Energy Affairs, Bureau of Political/Military Affairs, Department of State; Terry R. Lash, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science

and Technology, Department of Energy; Norman A. Wulf, Deputy Assistant Director, Non-Proliferation and Regional Arms Control Bureau, United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; James Schlesinger, former Secretary of Energy; and Marvin S. Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute, and Paul Leventhal, Nuclear Control Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Charles R. Stack, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Joseph A. Greenaway, to be United States District Judge for New Jersey, Ann D. Montgomery, to be United States District Judge for Minnesota, James P. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Gary A. Fenner, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Stack was introduced by Senator Graham and Representative Meek, Mr. Greenaway was introduced by Senator Lautenberg, Ms. Montgomery was introduced by Senators Grams and Wellstone, Mr. Jones was introduced by Senator Robb and Representatives Boucher and Scott, and Mr. Fenner was introduced by Senators Bond and Ashcroft and Representatives Danner and McCarthy.

## YOUTH VIOLENCE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Youth Violence concluded hearings to examine the current state of youth violence, focusing on its changing nature and juvenile intervention programs designed to prevent increased violence, after receiving testimony from James Alan Fox, Northeastern University, and Eugene F. Rivers, III, Harvard Divinity School, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Alfred Blumstein, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; John J. DiIulio, Jr., Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; Illinois Circuit Court Judge Carol Kelly, Chicago; Tennessee Juvenile Court Judge C. Van Deacon, Jr., Cleveland; Stephen Hare, Faith City Baptist Church, Bear, Delaware; and Thomas P. Gordon, New Castle, Delaware.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee began consideration of S. 1423, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to make modifications to certain provisions, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

## SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY ACT/SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS ACT

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 917, to facilitate small business involvement in the regulatory development processes of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and S. 942, to promote increased understanding of Federal regulations and increased voluntary compliance with such regulations by oversight boards to monitor the enforcement practices of certain Federal agencies with respect to small business concerns, and to provide relief from excessive and arbitrary regulatory enforcement actions against small entities, after receiving testimony from Senator Feingold; Rosemary Reed, Double R Productions, Washington, D.C., J. Scott George, Mid America Dental, Hearing, and Vision Center, Mount Vernon, Missouri, and Scott Holman, Bay Cast, Inc., Bay City, Michigan, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, all on behalf of the White House Conference on Small Business; Kent P. Swanson, Nurses Available, Inc., Towson, Maryland, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Victor N. Tucci, Three Rivers Health and Safety, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of National Small Business United; H. Daniel Pincus, HDP Industries, Hilton Head, South Carolina, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; Wendy Lechner, Printing Industries of America, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Small Business Legislative Council; and James W. Morrison, National Association for the Self-Employed, Washington, D.C.

## ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded joint hearings with the Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information on proposed legislation to combat economic espionage, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Geoffrey S.L. Shaw, Global Commerce Link, Boulder, Colorado; and Raymond Damadian, Fonar Corporation, Melville, New York.

## MENTAL DISORDERS IN THE ELDERLY

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine mental illness among the elderly and the potential savings to the overall health care system that can result from prompt, accurate diagnosis and treatment of mental diseases, after receiving testimony from Barry D. Lebowitz, Chief, Mental Disorders of the Aging Research Branch, National Institute of Mental Health (Rockville, Maryland), Department of Health and Human Services;

Gene D. Cohen and Frederick Goodwin, both of the George Washington University Medical Center, and June Silverberg, all of Washington, D.C.; Ira R. Katz and Gary L. Gottlieb, both of the University

of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia; Dorothy P. Rice, University of California at San Francisco; Mike Wallace, New York, New York; and Anne O. Emery, Baltimore, Maryland.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 2979–2990; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 161, and H. Res. 367 were introduced. **Page H1507**

**Committees to Sit:** The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans Affairs. **Page H1403**

**Measures Tabled:** It was made in order that the following resolutions be tabled:

H. Res. 352, authorizing the Speaker to declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair from February 2 through February 26, 1996; and **Page H1403**

H. Res. 323, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2677, the National Parks and National Wildlife Refuge Systems Freedom Act of 1995.

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**Committee Resignations:** Read a letter from Representative Taylor of Mississippi wherein he resigns as a member of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; and **Page H1414**

Read a letter from Representative McKinney wherein she resigns as a member of the Committee on Agriculture. **Pages H1414–15**

**Committee Elections:** House agreed to H. Res. 367, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H1415**

**Agriculture Market Transition Act:** House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments on H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, February 29.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

Agreed To:

The Roberts technical amendment; and

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The Solomon amendment that deletes dairy programs provisions and replaces them with provisions that phase out over five years price supports for butter, powdered milk and cheese with the authorization for dairy price support to expire in the year 2001; that require current Federal milk marketing orders to be consolidated into 10 to 14 orders by December 31, 2000; that allow the State of California to maintain its own fluid milk standards; and that repeal the Federal milk manufacturing allowance restriction on States that was contained in the 1990 farm bill (agreed to by a recorded vote of 258 ayes to 164 noes, with 1 voting "present", Roll no. 36). **Pages H1479–88**

Rejected:

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to strike provisions that would authorize fixed annual cash payments to farmers that would decline for each of the next seven years; to phase out the current Federal commodity support programs for major crops over five years, while keeping the current price support system during the five-year transition period; and to set a support price for each commodity in 1996, to be decreased by 4 percent each year and eliminated entirely for the 2001 year crop; **Pages H1449–55**

The Chabot amendment that sought to terminate the marketing loan program for cotton producers beginning in 1999 and to require farmers who currently hold government marketing loans to repay their loans by the end of 1998 (rejected by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 33); **Pages H1455–60**

The Shays amendment that sought to phase out the peanut program over seven years, and provide diminishing loan rates each year for the program by \$610 per ton in 1996; \$550 per ton in 1997; \$490 per ton in 1998; \$430 per ton in 1999; \$370 per ton in 2000, and \$310 per ton in 2001 and repealing the entire quota system in the year 2002 (rejected by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 34); and **Pages H1460–67**

The Miller of Florida amendment that sought to phase out the sugar program over five years by establishing loan rates for cane and beet sugar through 1999, then prohibiting any Federal loans to sugar