

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Debt Limit Extension.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1596–1601. **Page S1649**

Measures Passed:

Debt Limit Extension: Senate passed H.R. 3021, to guarantee the continuing full investment of Social Security and other Federal funds in obligations of the United States, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1624–30**

Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 24), Moynihan Amendment No. 3465, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1626–30**

Whitewater Investigation: Senate continued consideration of a motion to proceed to the consideration of 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. **Pages S1617–23, S1648**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the resolution 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 Tuesday, March 12, 1996. **Page S1648**

D.C. Appropriations Conference Report—Cloture Motion Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report of 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 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 Tuesday, March 12, 1996. **Page S1648**

Continuing Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further down-payment toward a balanced budget, on Monday, March 11, 1996. **Page S1661**

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

Transmitting the report on the national security strategy of the United States; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–128). **Page S1648**

Messages From the President: **Page S1648**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total–24) **Page S1630**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 11, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1660–61.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Kenneth H. Bacon, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Franklin D. Kramer, of

the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, and Alvin L. Alm, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

Also, committee met in closed session to consider pending military nominations, but made no announcements and recessed subject to call.

AIR BAG SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the performance of passenger air bags and other related safety issues, after receiving testimony from Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, Barry Felrice, Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards, William Boehly, Associate Administrator for Research and Development, Jim Headlund, Associate Administrator for Traffic Safety Programs, and Sam Dubbin, Chief Counsel, all of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Richard Klimisch and Vann Wilber, both of the American Automobile Manufacturing Association, Washington, D.C.; and Brian O'Neill, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, and George Parker, Association of International Automobile Manufacturers, both of Arlington, Virginia.

NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 745, to require the National Park Service to eradicate brucellosis afflicting the bison in Yellowstone National Park, S. 796 and H.R. 238, bills to provide for the protection of wild horses within the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Missouri, and prohibit the removal of such horses, and S. 1451, to authorize an agreement between the Secretary of the Interior and a State providing for the continued operation by State employees of national parks in the State during any period in which the National Park Service is unable to maintain the normal level of park operations, after receiving testimony from Senators McCain and Bond; John J. Reynolds, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Donald Luchsinger, Deputy Administrator for Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; Bob R. Hillman, Idaho Department of Agriculture, Boise; Douglas R. Kennedy, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Jim Smith, Eminence, Missouri, both on behalf of the Missouri Wild Horse League; Philip H. Voorhees, National Parks and Conservation Association, D.J. Schubert, Meyer and Glitzenstein, on behalf of the Fund for Animals, both of Washington, D.C.; Clarence J.

Siroky, Montana Department of Livestock, Helena; Paul Nicoletti, University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, Gainesville; Art Reese, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Cheyenne; Del Hensel, National Bison Association, Denver, Colorado; and Mike Fox, InterTribal Bison Cooperative, Rapid City, South Dakota.

NATIONAL FORESTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 393 and H.R. 924, bills to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from transferring any national forest system lands in the Angeles National Forest in California out of Federal ownership for use as a solid waste landfill, after receiving testimony from Representatives McKeon and Moorhead; Gray Reynolds, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mayor Carl Boyer, Santa Clarita, California; Harry Grossman, Walt Disney Studios, Burbank, California; Frank Bernheisel, Gershman, Brickner and Bratton, Falls Church, Virginia; Kenneth Kazarian, BKK Corporation, Torrance, California; Jack R. Michael, Waste Management Programs, Modesto, California; Dean Hargos, Dames & Moore, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Harriet Burgess, American Land Conservancy, San Francisco, California.

LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 356, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States, receiving testimony from Senators Simon and Bingham; Representatives Mink, Velázquez, and Underwood; Iliodor Philemonof, St. George Tanaq Corporation, Anchorage, Alaska; Kauanoë Kamana and Namaka Rawlins, both on behalf of the Punana Leo Project, Hilo, Hawaii; Leonard Chee, Navajo Nation Council, Window Rock, Arizona; Joanne Chase, National Congress of American Indians, and Karen K. Narasaki, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, both of Washington, D.C.; and Juan F. Perea, University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee resumed markup of S. 269, to increase control over immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigator personnel, improving the verification system for employer sanctions, increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, reforming asylum, exclusion, and deportation law and procedures, instituting a land border user fee, and reducing the use of welfare by aliens, and S. 1394, to

reform the legal immigration of immigrants and nonimmigrants to the United States, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, March 13.

NIH

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on activities of the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Ruth Kirschstein, Deputy Director, Judith Vaitukaitis, Director, National Center for Research Resources, Donald Lindberg, Director, National Li-

brary of Medicine, Claude Lenfant, Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Stephen I. Katz, Director, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, William Paul, Director, Office of AIDS Research, Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and Duane F. Alexander, Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3041–3057; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 148–150, and H. Res. 374 and 377 were introduced. **Pages H1985–86**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2776, to establish the Federal Aviation Administration as an independent establishment in the executive branch, amended (H. Rept. 104–475, Part I);

H. Res. 375, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany 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 years 1996 and 1997; and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 (H. Rept. 104–476); and

H. Res. 376, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2703, to combat terrorism (H. Rept. 104–477); and

H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States, amended (H. Rept. 104–469, Part II). **Pages H1958, H1984**

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

Page H1777

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, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans' Affairs, and Select Intelligence.

Page H1781

Temporary Statutory Debt Increase: By a yeand-nay vote of 362 yeas to 51 nays, Roll No. 48, the House passed H.R. 3021, to guarantee the continuing full investment of Social Security and other Federal funds in obligations of the United States.

Pages H1787–92

Agreed to the technical amendment made in order by the rule.

Page H1792

H. Res. 371, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H1781–87

C-17 Aircraft: Objection was heard to a unanimous-consent request that it be in order, during the consideration of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, to consider the Obey amendment relating to the C-17 aircraft submitted as though it were the amendment specified as number 4 in House Report 104–474, except that the time for debate be limited to 20 minutes. **Page H1808**

Omnibus Appropriations: By a yeand-nay vote of 209 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 55, the House passed H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget.

Pages H1808–H1958

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions

to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that sought to strike provisions providing funding for general operating expenses for the Department of Veterans Affairs (rejected by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 54).

Pages H1956–58

Agreed To:

The Istook amendment that requires private groups receiving Federal funds (other than State, local, and tribal governments) to disclose the amount and grantee identification number of each Federal grant received; and to make a “good faith” estimate of their organization’s actual expenditures for lobbying activities for the most recent taxable year (agreed to by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 52); and

Pages H1947–51

The Crapo amendment that establishes a permanent “Deficit Reduction Lockbox Account” for the purpose of creating a series of lockboxes to capture savings from floor amendments that cut spending in order to reduce the Federal budget deficit (agreed to by a recorded vote of 329 ayes to 89 noes, Roll No. 53).

Pages H1951–56

Rejected:

The Lowey amendment that sought to delete provisions permitting States to decide whether to use Medicaid funds to pay for an abortion in the case of rape or incest (rejected by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 51).

Pages H1942–47

H. Res. 372, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 50).

Pages H1793–H1808

Agreed to the Dreier technical amendment (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 49).

Pages H1806–07

White House Travel Office Investigation: House agreed to H. Res. 369, to provide to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight special authorities to obtain testimony for purposes of investigation and study of the White House Travel Office matter.

Pages H1959–64

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of March 11.

Page H1964

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, March 8, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12.

Page H1965

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of March 13.

Page H1965

Solid Waste Land Disposal: House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2036, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to make certain adjustments in the land disposal program to provide need-

ed flexibility—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H1965–66

Presidential Message—National Security Strategy: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits a report on the National Security Strategy of the United States—referred to the Committee on National Security.

Pages H1966–67

Supplemental Report: Agreed to a unanimous-consent request that the Committee on Agriculture be permitted to file a supplemental report on H.R. 2202, Immigration and the National Interest Act of 1995, to include a cost estimate as required under clause 2(1)(3) of rule XI.

Page H1968

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Obey wherein he resigns as a member of the Joint Economic Committee.

Subsequently, announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representatives Hinchey and Maloney to the Joint Economic Committee.

Pages H1981–82

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1777 and H1959.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1792, H1807, H1807–08, H1946–47, H1951, H1955–56, H1957–58, and H1958. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from congressional and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Department of Energy and other programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on the Air Force. Testimony was heard from Ronald Coleman, Assistant Secretary, Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations and Environment, Department of the Air Force.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on fiscal year 1997 Defense Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William J. Perry, Secretary; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the GAO and on the National Transportation Safety Board. Testimony was heard from John Anderson, Director, Transportation Issues, GAO; and James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.

FUTURE OF MONEY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy continued hearings on the Future of Money, Part III. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CORPORATE WELFARE

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Corporate Welfare. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Health Care Reform: Reforming the Small Business Marketplace and the Individual Health Insurance Market. Testimony was heard from Brian Atchinson, Superintendent of Insurance, State of Maine; and public witnesses.

SECURITIES AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1996

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3005, Securities Amendments of 1996.

**INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
EDUCATION ACT**

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on a proposed IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) Improvement Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: ordered reported amended H.R. 2202, Immigration and National Interest Act of 1995.

The Committee also adopted Special Committee Rules to obtain deposition testimony on the White House Travel Office matter.

The Committee also approved a draft report entitled "National Drug Policy: A Review of the Status of the Drug War."

**ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM—
NARCOTICS IN LATIN AMERICA**

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing to review the Administration's certification program for Narcotics producing and transit countries in Latin America. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Gelbard, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 1995

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2128, Equal Opportunity Act of 1995.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1143, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation; H.R. 1144, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness tampering; H.R. 1144, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to jury tampering; H.R. 2092, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act of 1995; H.R. 2137, Megan's Law; H.R. 2453, Fugitive Detention Act of 1995; H.R. 2587, War Crimes Act of 1995; H.R. 2607, Veterans' Memorials Protection Act of 1995; H.R. 2641, United States Marshals Service Improvement Act of 1995; H.R. 2650, Mandatory Federal Prison Drug Treatment Act of 1995; H.R. 2803, Anti-Car Theft Improvements Act of 1995; H.R. 2804, to amend the auto theft provisions of title 49, United States Code, to add air bag modules to the list of major auto parts protected under such provisions; H.R. 2974, Crimes Against Children and Elderly Persons Punishment and Prevention Act of 1995; H.R. 2980, Interstate Stalking Punishment and Prevention Act of 1996; and H.R. 2996, Law Enforcement and Industrial Security Cooperation Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Representatives Martinez, Chrysler, Fox, Zimmer, Frank of Massachusetts, Jones, Lowey, and Royce; Kevin V. DiGregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

MILITARY HOUSING

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installation and Facilities held a hearing on alternative authorities for construction and improvement of military housing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert E. Bayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations; Paul Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations and Housing, Department of the Army; Duncan Holaday, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations and Housing, Department of the Navy; and Jimmy G. Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations, Department of the Air Force.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel began hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on Department of Defense TRICARE and alternatives for retiree health care. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj. Gen. James Peake, USA, Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command; and Stephen Joseph M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Stephen P. Backus, Associate Director, Health Care Delivery and Quality Issues, GAO; Steve Tough, President and CEO, Foundation Health Federal Services Managed-Care Support Contractor for TRICARE; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 12.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on Ballistic Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Malcolm R. O'Neill, USA, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization; Lt. Gen. George K. Muellner, USAF, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Department of the Air Force, RAdm. John T. Hood, USN, Program Executive Officer, Theater Air Defense; and Brig. Gen. Richard A. Black, USA, Program Executive Officer, Missile Defense.

MINERAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE ORGANIC ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1813, Mineral Management Service Organic Act. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Quarterman, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; Robert R. Jordan, State Geologist and Director, Geological Survey, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DAM SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on dam safety and deferred maintenance issues at Bureau of Reclamation facilities. Testimony was heard from Patricia J. Beneke, Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Department of the Interior; Fred Springer, Director, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Anthony K. Chargin, Deputy Associate Director, Energy, Manufacturing, Transportation Technologies, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories; the following officials of the State of California: Vernon Persson, Chief, Division of Safety of Dams, Department of Water Resources; and Steven Miklos, Vice Mayor, Folsom, California; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act of 1995, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representative Conyers.

EFFECTIVE DEATH PENALTY AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2703, Effective Death Penalty and Public Safety Act of 1996. The rule provides for the Committee of the Whole to rise after general debate without further motion. No further consideration of the bill is provided for except by a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman and Representative Hamilton.

RESTRUCTURED FUSION ENERGY SCIENCES PROGRAM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Department of Energy's Restructured Fusion Energy Sciences Program. Testimony was heard from Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Energy and Research, Department of Energy; L. John Perkins, Magnetic Fusion Energy Program, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

REDUCING REGULATIONS AND PAPERWORK BURDENS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on EPA's Progress in Reducing Unnecessary Regulations and Paperwork Burdens Upon Small Business. Testimony

was heard from Fred Hansen, Deputy Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

NLRB RULEMAKING

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulation and Paperwork held a hearing on rulemaking at the NLRB. Testimony was heard from William B. Gould, IV, Chairman, NLRB; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following: H.R. 2747, amended, Water Supply Infrastructure Assistance Act of 1995; H. Con. Res. 146, authorizing the 1996 Special Olympics Torch to be run through the Capitol Grounds; and H. Con. Res. 147, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 15th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The Committee approved the following: 14 pending water resources resolutions; and its Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on the Airport Improvement Program, with emphasis on revenue diversion. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Nicholas G. Garaulis, Chief Counsel, FAA; and A. Mary Schiavo, Inspector General; Benjamin DeCosta, General Manager, Aviation Department, Newark International Airport, New York/New Jersey Port Authority; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 13.

OVERSIGHT—GI BILL

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing held an oversight hearing on the Montgomery GI Bill. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Samuel E. Ebbesen, USA, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Military Personnel Policy; and Al Bemis, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Manpower and Personnel, Office of the Secretary, Reserve Affairs; Raymond H. Avent, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

CHINA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on China. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

U.S./SINO RELATIONS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Foreign Relations' Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific to examine United States-Sino relations, focusing on the intellectual property rights agreement and related trade issues, after receiving testimony from Michael Kantor, United States Trade Representative; and Jason Berman, Recording Industry Association of America, Robert Holleyman, Business Software Alliance, and Eric Smith, International Intellectual Property Alliance, all of Washington, D.C.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 for the Department of State and related agencies, and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to review the status of the reorganization of the Veterans Health Administration and related initiatives to improve VA health care delivery methods, 9 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the oversight of government-wide travel management, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on S. 553 and H.R. 849, bills to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to reinstate an exemption for certain bona fide hiring and retirement plans applicable to State and local firefighters and law enforcement officers, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the Department of Energy: Travel Expenditures and Related Issues, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1659, Patent and Trademark Office Corporation Act of 1995; and H.R. 2553, United States Intellectual Property Organization Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to continue hearings on fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for February, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 11 through 16, 1996

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider H.R. 3019, Continuing Appropriations, 1996.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report on H.R. 2546, D.C. Appropriations, 1996 at 2:15 p.m., to be followed by a vote to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 227, Whitewater Committee Extension.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: March 12, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine international crime, terrorism, and narcotics, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 13, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence programs, 8:30 a.m., SD-117.

Committee on Armed Services: March 12, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense plan, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 13, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold closed and open hearings on the Department of Energy Atomic Energy Defense Programs (Nuclear Stockpile Stewardship and Management), 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

March 13, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on manpower, personnel, and compensation programs, 10 a.m., SR-222.

March 13, Full Committee, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, 2 p.m., SR-222.

March 14, Full Committee, to continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, 10 a.m., SR-222.

March 14, Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings on current and future military readiness as the Armed Forces prepare for the 21st century, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

March 15, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on tactical aviation programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 15, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget: March 12, to hold hearings to examine immigration and public welfare benefits, 10 a.m., SD-608.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the budgetary and economic implications of alternative spectrum use policies, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 13, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine recent developments in the Space Station program, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 13, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1425, to recognize the validity of rights-of-way granted under section 2477 of the Revised Statutes, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 14, to hold oversight hearings on wetland mitigation banking under section 404 of the Clean Water Act, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 11, Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy, to hold hearings to examine the Social Security program in relation to future retirees, focusing on the original intent of the program, expectations of different generations, and changes necessary to ensure that retirees born after 1946 will be treated fairly relative to current and past retirees, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 12, to resume hearings on the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, opened for signature and signed by the United States at Paris on January 13, 1993 (Treaty Doc. 103-21), 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 12, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the prospects for peace and democracy in Angola, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: March 11, to hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas A. Fink, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings on human radiation experiments, 9 a.m., SD-342.

March 13, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine global proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 14, Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to United States Postal Service customers, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 12, Subcommittee on Youth Violence, to hold hearings to examine how youth violence programs should be funded in the future, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 13, Full Committee, business meeting, to resume markup of S. 269 and S. 1394, bills to reform the United States immigration system, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: March 13, business meeting, to mark up S. 1477, to improve the Federal regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, and proposed legislation to amend the Older Americans Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration: March 13, to resume hearings on S. 46, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a voluntary system of spending limits and partial public financing of Senate primary and general election campaigns, and to limit contributions by multicandidate political committees, S. 1219 and S. 1389, bills to reform the financing of Federal elections, and S. 1528, to reform the financing of Senate campaigns, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 13, to hold hearings to examine the reform of health care priorities, 10 a.m., SR-418.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Jewish War Veterans, the Retired Officers Association, the Association of the U.S. Army, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, and the Blinded Veterans Association, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 13, to hold hearings to examine the threat of weapons of mass destruction, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 12, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food and Drug Administration, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Corporation for National and Community Service and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 10 a.m., and on the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, the National Commission on Libraries and the National Council on Disability, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government on developments in financial law enforcement, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related

Agencies, on Inspector General Overview, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Interior, on National Endowment for the Arts, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the National Mediation Board and the Railroad Retirement Board, 10 a.m., and on Armed Forces Retirement Home, the Physician Payment Review Commission and the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Navy, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command and the Commander in Chief, U.S. Forces Korea, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 13, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Federal Railroad Administration and AMTRAK, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 13 and 14, Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, HUD and Independent Agencies, on the EPA, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn on March 13 and 10 a.m., H-143, Capitol on March 14.

March 14, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Farm Credit Administration, 10 a.m., and on Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Interior, public witnesses on Natural Resources, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the U.S. Institute of Peace, 10 a.m., and the National Education Goals Panel and the NLRB, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on congressional and public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-300, Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on Commander in Chief, Special Operations Command, 10 a.m. and, executive, on Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140, Capitol.

March 14, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Office of the Secretary, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government on tax systems modernization, 10 a.m. and on IRS operations, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, March 12, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, oversight hearing on the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 13, full Committee, hearing on the risk assessment of banks, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 13, hearing on generational accounting and long-term fiscal prospects, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, March 14, to mark up the following: H.R. 2570, Older Americans Amendments of 1995; a measure amending section 326 of title II of the Higher Education Act of

1965; a measure amending section 1505 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1986; and a measure to authorize the Native Americans Program Act of 1974, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, March 11, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on the status of efforts to identify Persian Gulf War Syndrome, 11 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on the Postal Service, oversight hearing on the U.S. Postal Service, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 14, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, to mark up H.R. 2086, Local Empowerment and Flexibility Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, March 12, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, March 12, hearing on PLO Commitment compliance and the terrorist threat to Israel, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on exports, growth and jobs and reauthorizing Federal Export Assistance programs, Part II, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, to mark up H.R. 361, Omnibus Export Administration Act of 1995, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights and Subcommittee on Africa, joint hearing on Slavery in Mauritania and Sudan, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 14, full committee, to mark up the Iran Oil Sanctions Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 12, to mark up the following: H.R. 2925, Antitrust Health Care Advancement Act of 1996; Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget; H.R. 2937, for the reimbursement of legal expenses and related fees incurred by former employees of the White House Travel Office with respect to the termination of their employment in that Office on May 19, 1993; H.R. 2511, Anticounterfeiting Consumer Protection Act of 1995; H.R. 1861, to make technical corrections in the Satellite Home Viewer Act of 1994 and other provisions of title 17, United States Code; H.R. 1734, National Film Preservation Act of 1995; H.R. 2977, Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996; H.J. Res. 129, granting the consent of Congress to the Vermont-New Hampshire Interstate Public Water Supply Compact; and H.R. 2604, to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1989, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1995, 10 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, March 12, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, to receive a quality-of-life and compensation review, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, to begin hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on the Department of Energy budget, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on the chemical-biological defense program and response to urban terrorism, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 13 and 14, full Committee, to continue hearings on fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, to begin hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on the recapitalization and modernization of facilities, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 13, to consider pending business, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 14, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1772, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex; H.R. 1836, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire property in the town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, for inclusion in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 2660, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 2679, to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge; and H.R. 2823, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, March 12, to consider H.R. 2703, Effective Death Penalty and Public Safety Act of 1996, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, March 13, hearing on U.S. Space Launch Strategy, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on U.S. Energy Outlook and Implications for Energy R&D, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 13 and 14, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on Airport Improvement Program, 10:15 a.m., on March 13, and 1 p.m., on March 14, 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 14, to consider Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 12, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the causes of poverty, with a focus on out-of-wedlock births, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on implementation of Uruguay Round Agreements and World Trade Organization, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 14, full committee, to mark up miscellaneous trade measures, and to consider Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 12, executive, hearing on NRO forward funding, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

March 14, executive, hearing on community management, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint hearing: March 14, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee

on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Jewish War Veterans, the Retired Officers Association, the Association of the U.S. Army, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, and the Blinded Veterans Association, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: March 14, to hold hearings to examine the challenges to democracy in Albania, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
12 noon, Monday, March 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m. Friday, March 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of one Senator for a speech and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 3019, Continuing Appropriations, 1996.

House Chamber

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