

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2341–S2551

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1627–1631, and S. Con. Res. 47 and 48. **Page S2422**

Measures Passed:

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Reorganization Act: Senate passed S. 956, to establish a Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2544–45**

Murkowski (for Feinstein/Reid/Burns) Amendment No. 3558, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2544–45**

Joint Inaugural Committee: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 47, to provide for a Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. **Pages S2545–46**

Authorizing Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 48, authorizing the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol on January 20, 1997 in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States. **Pages S2545–46**

Product Liability Conference Report: Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation. **Pages S2341–86**

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

By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 44), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the conference report. **Pages S2385–86**

Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on Thursday, March 21, 1996, with a vote to occur thereon.

Whitewater Investigation Extension—Cloture Vote: By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 45), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the 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.

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By consent agreement, a vote on a sixth motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution will occur on Thursday, March 21, 1996. **Page S2546**

Public/Federal Grasslands Management: Senate began consideration of S. 1459, to provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal land, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S2389–S2408, S2411–17**

Pending:

Domenici Amendment No. 3555, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2390–S2408, S2411–17**

Bumpers Modified Amendment No. 3556 (to Amendment No. 3555), to maintain the current formula used to calculate grazing fees for small ranchers with 2000 Animal Unit Months (AUMs) or less, with certain minimum fees, and establish a separate grazing fee for large ranchers with more than 2000 AUMs. **Pages S2399–S2408**

Withdrawn:

Jeffords Amendment No. 3557 (to Amendment No. 3556), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2400–01, S2405**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain of the amendments pending thereto, on Thursday, March 21, 1996. **Pages S2403–04**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Thursday, March 21, 1996.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ginger Ehn Lew, of California, to be Deputy Director of the Small Business Administration.

Gina McDonald, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1998.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps. **Pages S2546–51**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—45) **Pages S2385–86**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:44 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 21, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2546.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Ballistic Missile Defense, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Malcolm R. O'Neill, USA, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 27.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, receiving testimony from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, Agency for International Development.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 and the future years defense program, focusing on technology base programs, receiving testimony from Paul G. Kaminski, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; Gilbert F. Decker, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development, and Technology; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and

Technology; Arthur L. Money, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and Larry Lynn, Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency, Department of Defense.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel resumed 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, receiving testimony from Frederick F.Y. Pang, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; Lt. Gen. Theodore G. Stroup, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Personnel; Vice Adm. Frank L. Bowman, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel; Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Personnel; and Lt. Gen. George R. Christmas, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Marine Corps for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on space programs and related issues, receiving testimony from Gen. Joseph W. Ashy, USAF, Commander in Chief, United States Space Command; Robert Davis, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Space; Maj. Gen. Robert F. Dickman, USAF, Space Architect, Department of Defense; and Keith Hall, Acting Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

Subcommittee will meet again on Monday, March 25.

1997 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1997 for the Federal Government, after receiving testimony from Alice M. Rivlin, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

HYDROGEN RESEARCH

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development concluded hearings on S. 1077, S. 1153, and H.R. 655, bills to direct the Secretary of Energy to provide for a hydrogen energy research, development and demonstration program relating to production,

storage, transportation, and use of hydrogen, after receiving testimony from Senator Harkin; Representative Walker; Allan Hoffman, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Utility Technologies; Richard E. Rocheleau, University of Hawaii, Manoa; Jerry Thomas, Montana Tradeport Authority, Helena; and Robert Gurule, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

TRADE DEFICIT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion held hearings to examine the impact of balancing the Federal budget on the United States trade deficit, receiving testimony from Paul Wonnacott, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont; Rudolph G. Penner, Barents Group/KPMG Peat Marwick, Claude Barfield, American Enterprise Institute, and Robert A. Blecker, American University, all of Washington, D.C.; and I.M. Destler and Robert E. Scott, both of the University of Maryland, College Park.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

WEST BANK/GAZA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine the economic development situation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Roth, Director, Office of Israel and Arab-Israeli Affairs, Department of State; Terrence J. Brown, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; Ruth R. Harkin, President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation; Ziad Karram, GRdG, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia; Omar M. Kader, PaL-Tech, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; and Peter Gubser, American Near East Refugee Aid, Washington, D.C., on behalf of InterAction West Bank/Gaza Committee.

WEAPONS PROLIFERATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations resumed hearings to examine the status of United States efforts to improve nuclear material control in the Newly Independent States, receiving testimony from John Deutch, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Rolf Ekeus, United Nations Special Commission, New York, New York; Gary Milhollin, Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, Washington, D.C.; and David Kay, Hicks and Associates, Inc., McLean, Virginia.

Hearings will continue on Friday, March 22.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee resumed markup on 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 tomorrow.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine certain activities of the Congressional Research Service, after receiving testimony from Daniel P. Mulhollan, Director, Richard Price, Jennifer O'Sullivan, and Melvina Ford, each a Specialist in Social Legislation, Education and Public Welfare Division, Heidi Yacker, Information and Technical Research Specialist, Congressional Reference Division, Kathleen S. Swendiman, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Jean Yavis Jones, Specialist in Food and Agriculture, and Section Head, Food and Agriculture Section, Charles Hanrahan, Senior Specialist in Agricultural Policy, Ralph Chite, Specialist in Agricultural Policy, Diane T. Duffy, Legislative Attorney, and Sandra S. Osbourn, Specialist in American National Government, all of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

VA ELIGIBILITY REFORM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee held hearings on proposals to reform eligibility rules for Department of Veterans Affairs health care benefits, focusing on the effects of veterans' health care eligibility priorities which govern all veterans' access to VA care and programs, including related measures S. 1345, S. 1359, S. 1563, and provisions of H.R. 1385, receiving testimony from David P. Baine, Director, Health Care Delivery and Quality Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, Jim Linz, Assistant Director, Veterans Health Programs, and Terry Saiki, Senior Evaluator (Seattle, Washington), all of the General Accounting Office; John R. Vitikacs, The American Legion, James R. Currieo, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, David W. Gorman, Disabled American Veterans, Gordon H. Mansfield, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Kelli R. Willard West and William L. Warfield, both of the Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; James J. Kenney, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; and Larry D. Rhea, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, Alexandria, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3117–3132; 1 private bill, H.R. 3133; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 165 were introduced. **Pages H2557–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Con. Res. 146, authorizing the 1996 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds (H. Rept. 104–487);

H. Con. Res. 147, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the fifteenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (H. Rept. 104–488); and

H. Res. 386, providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 165, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996 and waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 104–489).

Pages H2538, H2557

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Rogers to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2469**

Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, International Relations, National Security, Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Select Intelligence. **Page H2474**

Immigration Reform: House resumed consideration of amendments to 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 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. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, March 21. **Pages H2475–H2538**

Agreed To:

The Latham amendment that gives State and local law enforcement officers the authority to seek and apprehend aliens who are violating a deportation order and detain them for transfer to Federal custody; and authorizes the Justice Department to deputize such officials, provided that deputization is

conducted in writing with the consent of the governor of that State or the State's chief local official;

Pages H2476–81

The Gallegly amendment that gives States the option to deny public education to illegal aliens; and provides that States, if asked, would be required to provide a hearing to establish whether an alien is lawfully present in the United States (agreed to by a recorded vote of 257 ayes to 163 noes, Roll No. 75);

Pages H2487–96, H2506–07

The Gutierrez amendment that strikes provisions requiring a congressional review of the appropriate worldwide levels of immigration in fiscal year 2004 and every five years thereafter; and links subsequent funding authorizations to that level; **Pages H2518–20**

The Kim amendment that provides for an annual distribution of any surplus family and employment-based visas not already distributed under amounts allocated, to those children and adult brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens who have filed for admission prior to March 13, 1996; **Pages H2520–22**

The Canady amendment that adds English proficiency to the list of requirements of immigrants arriving in the U.S. under the Diversity Immigrant Program and under the Employment-Based Classification; provides that English proficiency would be established by a standardized test administered by the Department of Education; and advances by 180 days the priority date of backlogging spouses and children of lawful permanent resident aliens who demonstrate English language proficiency (agreed to by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 78); **Pages H2522–27, H2533–34**

The Smith of New Jersey amendment that strikes provisions that impose a statutory limit on the number of refugees that may be admitted into the United States each year; and **Pages H2527–30**

The Dreier amendment that ensures that, except for the Targeted Assistance Ten Percent Discretionary Program which leaves funding decisions to the government's discretion, all qualifying U.S. counties would receive the same amount of targeted Federal assistance per refugee under the Federal government's \$50 million yearly program to aid counties experiencing high concentrations of refugees and high welfare dependency rates (agreed to by a recorded vote of 359 ayes to 59 noes, Roll No. 79). **Pages H2530–35**

Rejected:

The Beilenson amendment that sought to delete the \$12 million authorization for the construction of 14 miles of triple fencing along the San Diego border with Mexico; and instead sought to authorize

\$110 million for the INS to install barriers and roads and remove obstacles to the detection of illegal entry along the border where necessary (rejected by a recorded vote of 120 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 71). This amendment was debated on Tuesday;

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The McCollum amendment that sought to authorize such sums as may be necessary to "secure" Social Security cards against counterfeiting and fraud; and require the Social Security Administration to make improvements in the design and materials of Social Security cards to render them more difficult to counterfeit (rejected by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 72). This amendment was debated on Tuesday;

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The Bryant of Tennessee amendment that sought to require public hospitals seeking to recoup costs of emergency medical services rendered to illegal aliens to provide the INS with identifying information about such individuals who are over the age of 18 in order to obtain reimbursement (rejected by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 73);

Pages H2481-84, H2505

The Velázquez amendment that sought to strike provisions that bar U.S. citizens from receiving benefits such as AFDC, food stamps, and Medicaid, through individuals that are undocumented aliens or legal permanent residents of less than seven years (rejected by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 74);

Pages H2484-87, H2505-06

The Chabot amendment, as modified, that sought to strike provisions increasing, beginning in fiscal year 1996, the number of full-time equivalent positions in the Investigations Division within the INS to 350 positions above the number of full-time equivalent positions in that Division as of September 30, 1994; and strike provisions providing that those hired to fill those new positions be assigned to investigate violations of the employer sanctions provisions in current law and to investigate reports of violations received from Department of Labor operatives (rejected by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 76); and

Pages H2496-H2505, H2507

The Gallegly amendment, as modified, that sought to establish a mandatory pilot program in which employers in seven States with the highest illegal alien populations would verify the immigrant status of employees using a toll free 1-800 number (rejected by a recorded vote of 86 ayes to 331 noes, Roll No. 77).

Pages H2507-18

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2475, H2476, H2505, H2506, H2506-07, H2507, H2517-18, H2533-34, and H2534-35. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 10:29 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 Research, Education and Economics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Karl N. Stauber, Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics; Floyd P. Horn, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Robert H. Robinson, Administrator, Cooperative, State, Research, Education and Extension Service; Susan Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service; and Don Bay, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Geological Survey and on the National Park Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Gordon B. Eaton, Director, U.S. Geological Survey; George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks; Roger G. Kennedy, Director; John J. Reynolds, Deputy Director; and C. Bruce Sheaffer, Comptroller, all with the National Park Service.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on fiscal year 1997 Navy/Marine Corps Posture and Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John H. Dalton, Secretary; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary; Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; VAdm. T. Joseph Lopez, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant, Marine Corps; and Maj. Gen. J.W. Oster, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Resources.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Federal Highway Administration. Testimony was heard from Rodney Slater, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration. Department of Transportation.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

DEVELOPMENTS IN BANKING IN CHINA, HONG KONG AND TAIWAN

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Recent Developments in Banking and Finance in the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Testimony was heard from David Lipton, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

HEALTH COVERAGE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 1996

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3070, Health Coverage Availability and Affordability Act of 1996.

SECURITY CHALLENGES POSED BY CHINA

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on security challenges posed by China. Testimony was heard from Arthur N. Waldron, Professor, Strategy and Policy, U.S. Naval War College; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the Implementation and Administration of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held an oversight hearing on Historic Preservation and a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 563, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to prohibit the inclusion of certain sites on the National Register of Historic Places; H.R. 1179, Historical Black Colleges and University Historic Building Restoration and Preservation Act; and H.R. 3031, to amend the Act of October 15, 1966 (80 Stat. 915), as amended, establishing a program for the preservation of additional historic property throughout the Nation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dunn, Herger, and Clement; Gray F. Reynolds, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Edward M. Norton, Jr., Vice President, Public Policy, National Trust for Historic Preservation; Wilson Martin, Deputy, Historic Preservation Officer, State of Utah; Kathleen S. Kilpatrick, Deputy Director, Department of Historic Resources, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing for consideration in the House of H.J. Res. 165, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, with 1 hour of debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides for ordering the previous question to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit which, if containing instructions, may only be offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. The rule waives clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a 2/3 vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules) against certain resolutions reported by the Rules Committee before April 1, 1996. The waiver applies to special rules providing for consideration or disposition of any measures, amendments thereto, conference reports thereon, or amendments reported in disagreement from a conference that: (1) make general appropriations for the fiscal year 1996; (2) include provisions making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996; or (3) include provisions increasing or waiving the public debt limit.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings on the airport improvement program, with emphasis on FAA views and miscellaneous issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Traficant, Shays, and Cremeans; David Hinson, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

GSA COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on GSA Courthouse Construction Program. Testimony was heard from David Barram, Acting Administrator, GSA; and Robert C. Cowen, Chairman, Committee on Security, Space, and Facilities, Judicial Conference of the United States.

REPLACING THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Replacing the Federal Income Tax. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROCESSING/EXPLOITATION

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

Joint Meetings

1996 FARM BILL

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 21, 1996**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for Army and Navy military construction programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Sea Power, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of the Navy shipbuilding programs, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings on the readiness of the Guard and Reserve to support the National Military Strategy, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on HUD Oversight and Structure, to hold hearings on the implementation of the 1992 Federal Housing Enterprises Safety and Soundness Act as it affects Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 305, to establish the Shenandoah Valley National Battlefields and Commission in the Commonwealth of Virginia, H.R. 1091, to improve the National Park System in the Commonwealth of Virginia, S. 1225, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an inventory of historic sites, buildings, and artifacts in the Champlain Valley and the upper Hudson River Valley, including the Lake George area, S. 1226, to require the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a study of battlefields of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and to establish an American Battlefield Protection Program, and S.J. Res. 42, designating the Civil War Center at Louisiana State University as the United States Civil War

Center, making the center the flagship institution for planning the sesquicentennial commemoration of the Civil War, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, 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.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to enforce the Tenth Amendment, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to continue markup of S. 269 and S. 1394, bills to reform the immigration system, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to mark up S. 1578, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1997 through 2002 for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Small Business, to hold hearings on S. 1574, to create new opportunities for growth and jobs in economically distressed urban and rural communities, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold a closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E398-99 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Safety, 10 a.m., and on Secretary of Agriculture, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works and Chief of Engineers, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Haiti, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on National Foreign Intelligence Program, 10 a.m., and on Ballistic Missile Defense, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, oversight hearing on the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the U.S. Mint, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Budget, hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1997 budget submission, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on H.R. 2024, Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, to continue hearings on Federal Management of the Radio Spectrum, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1227, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer-owned vehicles; and H.R. 2531, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the exemption for houseparents from the minimum wage and maximum hours requirements of that Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, hearing on Campaign-Finance Reform, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: a measure to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries; and the Iran Oil Sanctions Act of 1966, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing to review current issues in Nicaragua, 2 p.m. 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on Fetal Death or Dangerous Deception? The effects of anesthesia During a Partial-Birth Abortion, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to markup the following: H.R. 2092, Private Security Officer Quality Assistance Act of 1995; H.R. 2137, Megan's Law; H.R. 2453, Fugitive Detention Act of 1995; H.R. 2641, United States Marshals Service Improvement Act of 1995; H.R. 2803, Anti-Car Theft Improvements Act of 1995; 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; H.R. 2996, Law Enforcement and Industrial Security Cooperation Act of 1996; and a measure to amend title 18 with respect to threats against jurors, court officers or magistrates; and victim/witness tampering or retaliation, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, to continue hearings on national defense authorization, with emphasis on the military construction budget request, 2 p.m., 2122 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on H.R. 1646, Reserve Forces Revitalization Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Readiness, joint hearing on national defense authorization, with emphasis on Department of Defense and Department of Energy environmental programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, to continue hearings on national defense authorization, with emphasis on Air Force modernization, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on energy policy, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on Marine Sanctuaries Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, oversight hearing on federal lands and federal regulation of private property, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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Committee on Small Business, hearing on the U.S. Small Business Administration Fiscal Year 1997 Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

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Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on H.R. 956, Product Liability, with a vote to occur thereon, following which Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. Res. 227, Whitewater Investigation Extension.

Senate will also resume consideration of S. 1459, Public/Federal Grasslands Management.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 165, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996 (one hour of general debate); and

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