

Friday, March 22, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, March 25, 1996, at 10 a.m.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

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 F. Sopko, Deputy Chief of Counsel to the Minority, and Alan

Edelman, Counsel to the Minority, both of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Governmental Affairs Committee; Frank Miller, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy; Charles B. Curtis, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Thomas E. McNamara, Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs; Gordon Oehler, Director, NonProliferation Center, Central Intelligence Agency; Robert M. Blitzer, Chief, Domestic Terrorism/Counterterrorism Planning Section, National Security Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Connie J. Fenchel, Chief, Strategic Investigations, Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs Service; Department of the Treasury.

Hearings will continue on Wednesday, March 27.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 3152–3157; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 153, and H. Res. 390 were introduced. **Page H2713**

Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: H. Res. 389, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 1833, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions (H. Rept. 104–492). **Page H2713**

Gun Crime and Enforcement: By a recorded vote for 239 yeas to 173 noes, Roll No. 92, the House passed H.R. 125, to repeal the ban on semiautomatic assault weapons and the ban on large capacity ammunition feed devices. **Pages H2685–H2701**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Pages H2671–85**

Rejected the Conyers motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H2700**

H. Res. 388, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yeas-and-nays vote of 244 yeas 166 nays, Roll No. 91.

Pages H2671–85

Late Report: Committee on Agriculture received permission to have until midnight on Monday, March 25, to file a conference report on H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agriculture programs. **Page H2701**

Legislative Program: The Majority Whip announced the legislative program for the week of March 25. Agreed to adjourn from Friday to Monday. **Page H2701**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, for morning hour debates; and agreed that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, March 26, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27. **Page H2702**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of March 27. **Page H2702**

Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee. **Page H2712**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas-and-nays vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings

of the House today and appear on pages H2684–85 and H2700–01.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET SUBMISSION

Committee on the Budget: Continued hearings on the Administration's fiscal year 1997 budget submission. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S PROPOSED BUDGET

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on the Department of Energy's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1997. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Thomas P. Grumbly, Acting Under Secretary; Kyle Simpson, Associate Deputy Secretary, Energy Programs; Joseph Vivona, Chief Financial Officer; Dan Dreyfus, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; and Joe Romm, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

STATISTICAL CONSOLIDATION ACT OF 1995

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 2521, Statistical Consolidation Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Everett M. Ehrlich, Under Secretary, Economic Affairs; and Martha Farnsworth Riche, Director, Bureau of the Census; Katharine Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT OF 1995: 1 YEAR REVIEW

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995: A One Year Review. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman and Talent; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Shelly H. Metzenbaum, Associate Administrator, Office of Regional Operations and State/Local Relations, EPA; Bernard Anderson, Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards, Department of Labor; Jamiene Studley,

Deputy General Counsel, Department of Education; Vincent F. Callahan, Jr., member, House of Delegates, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

OMNIBUS EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1995

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 361, Omnibus Export Administration Act of 1995.

OVERSIGHT—ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT AND LOBBY REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on ethics in government and lobbying reform proposals. Testimony was heard from Representatives Flanagan, Upton, Kaptur, English of Pennsylvania, Zimmer, DeFazio, Fox, and Traficant; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development continued joint hearings on fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization, with emphasis on the Air Force modernization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Arthur L. Money, Assistant Secretary, Acquisition; and Lt. Gen. George K. Muellner, USAF, Principal Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Acquisition.

Hearings continue March 29.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT—DISPOSITION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that it shall be in order to take the bill H.R. 1833, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1995, from the Speaker's table and consider it in the House, with the Senate amendments thereto. The rule provides for a single motion to concur in each of the Senate amendments. The Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. Finally, the rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to final adoption without intervening motion or a demand for a division of the question. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canady of Florida, Frank of Massachusetts, Schroeder and Lowey.