

Wednesday, March 5, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed Charlene Barshefsky as U.S. Trade Representative.
House committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1935–S2004

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 392–408. **Pages S1979–80**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Reported on Tuesday, March 4, 1997:

S. Res. 19, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States opposition to the prison sentence of Tibetan ethnomusicologist Ngawang Choephel by the Government of the People's Republic of China. **Page S1979**

Measures Passed:

Trade Act Application Waiver: By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 26), Senate passed S.J. Res. 5, waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1945–70**

Rejected:

Hollings Amendment No. 19, to require Congressional approval before any international trade agreement that has the effect of amending or repealing statutory law of the United States law can be implemented in the United States. (By 84 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 25), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S1945–70

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the notice of the continuation of the Iran emergency; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–20).

Pages S1978–79

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 27 EX), Charlene Barshefsky, of the District of Columbia, to be United

States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S1970–73, S2004**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine list in the Marine Corps. **Pages S2003–04**

Messages From the President: **Pages S1978–79**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S1979**

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Authority for Committees: **Pages S1998–99**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1999–S2003**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—27) **Pages S1970, S1973**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 12 noon, on Thursday, March 6, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2003.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STRUCTURE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to review strategic planning and management of information technology at the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; and John W. Harman, Assistant Comptroller General and Chief Information Officer, and Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, both of the General Accounting Office.

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held closed hearings to examine global assessment issues, receiving testimony from Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 12.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland Forces held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on tactical aviation modernization issues, receiving testimony from Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Richard A. Davis, Director, National Security Analysis, General Accounting Office; and Andrew F. Krepinevich, Jr., Director, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on recruiting and retention policies within the Department of Defense and the Military Services, receiving testimony from Mark Gebicke, Director, Elliot Smith, Assistant Director, and Beverly Schladt, Senior Evaluator, all of Military Operations and Capabilities Issues, General Accounting Office; Staff Sgt. Denise Slaughter, USAF; Aviation Anti-Submarine Warfare Operator 2 Richard Winland, USN; Staff Sgt. Stephen Simmons, USA; Gunnery Sgt. James Ruffin, USMC; Frederick F.Y. Pang, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; Lt. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath, USA, Deputy Chief of Army Staff for Personnel; Vice Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel; Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter, USMC, Deputy Chief of Marine Corps Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, USAF, Deputy Chief of Air Force Staff for Personnel; Maj. Gen. Alfonso E. Lenhardt, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command; Rear Adm. Barbara E. McGann, USN, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command; Maj. Gen. Jack W. Klimp, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Com-

mand; and Brig. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan, III, USAF, Commander of Air Force Recruiting Service.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 12.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on defense programs to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, receiving testimony from Franklin C. Miller, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

1998 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office analysis of the President's budget for fiscal year 1998, after receiving testimony from June E. O'Neill, Director, James L. Blum, Deputy Director, and Paul Von de Water, Assistant Director, Budget Analysis Division, all of the Congressional Budget Office.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 11.

AVIATION SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation held hearings to examine aviation safety issues, focusing on the recommendations of the Gore Commission on Aviation Security, receiving testimony from Nancy McFadden, General Counsel, and Barry Valentine, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Gerald Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, General Accounting Office; Anthony J. Broderick, Catlett, Virginia, former Federal Aviation Administration Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification; Brian Michael Jenkins, Kröll Associates, Los Angeles, California, and Lt. Gen. James A. Abrahamson, International Air Safety, Washington, D.C., both on behalf of the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security; and John Meenan, Air Transport Association of America, Robert W. Hahn, American Enterprise Institute, and Edward Wytkind, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management met to further receive testimony on the impact of

the proposed Public Land Management Responsibility and Accountability Restoration Act on the administrative and judicial appeals of land management decisions of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management from Ross Gorte, Specialist in Natural Resource Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Felice Pace, Klamath Forest Alliance, Etna, California; Mike Francis, Wilderness Society, John Doggett, American Farm Bureau Federation, R. Denny Scott, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and George Leonard, all of Washington, D.C.; Andy Stahl, Association of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, Eugene, Oregon; Frank Gladics, Western Forest Industries Association, Portland, Oregon; and Sam Anderson, National Ski Area Association, Denver, Colorado.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

SUPERFUND REFORM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment concluded hearings on S. 8, to authorize funds for and reform the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act (Superfund), after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Terry D. Garcia, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; New Mexico Assistant Attorney General Charlie De Saillan, Environmental Enforcement Division, Santa Fe; Richard Gimello, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton, on behalf of the National Governors' Association; Linda H. Biagioni, Black and Decker Corporation, Towson, Maryland; Karen Florini, Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, D.C.; Barbara Williams, Sunny Ray Restaurant, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Karen O'Regan, Phoenix Environmental Programs, Phoenix, Arizona; Larry L. Lockner, Shell Oil Company, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the American Petroleum Institute; Robert Spiegel, Edison Wetlands Association, Edison, New Jersey; and Rich A. Heig, Kennecott Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah.

MEDICARE

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal

year 1998 for the Medicare program, receiving testimony from Jane Baumgarten, North Bend, Oregon, on behalf of the American Association of Retired Persons; Todd C. Linden, Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell, Iowa, on behalf of the American Hospital Association; Alan R. Nelson, American Society of Internal Medicine, Washington, D.C.; Seymour I. Schwartz, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, New York, on behalf of the American College of Surgeons; and Tim Size, Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative, Sauk City, on behalf of the National Rural Health Association.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

HIGH-RISK MANAGEMENT REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings on proposals to develop and implement management reforms to provide Federal agencies with strategies and techniques to increase effectiveness, reduce costs, and minimize risks associated with program and administrative management, receiving testimony from John A. Koskinen, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; and Dwight P. Robinson, Deputy Secretary, and Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 295, to promote cooperation and teamwork among worker-management relations in the American labor force.

BUDGET/OPERATIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held oversight hearings to review the budget and operations of the National Gallery of Art and certain legislative offices, receiving testimony in behalf of their respective activities from Earl A. Powell III, Director, National Gallery of Art; Gary L. Sisco, Secretary of the Senate; Gregory S. Casey, Senate Sergeant at Arms; and Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.