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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

(Today's publication of the Daily Digest marks the 50th anniversary of its first issue)

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2337–S2376

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 448–455, and S. Con. Res. 12. **Page S2356**

Independent Counsel: Senate resumed consideration of S.J. Res. 22, to express the sense of the Congress concerning the application by the Attorney General for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations of illegal fundraising in the 1996 Presidential election campaign. **Pages S2344–49, S2354**

Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Tuesday, March 18, 1997.

Appointments:

National Civil Aviation Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 104–264, appointed Senator Pressler and Richard E. Smith, Jr., of Mississippi to the National Civil Aviation Review Commission. **Page S2376**

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

Transmitting the notice relative to the emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–22). **Pages S2354–55**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 4:28 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 18, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2376.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R.1083–1088, were introduced. **Pages H1039–40**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 929, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions, amended (H. Rept. 105–24, filed on March 14);

H.R. 672, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 17, United States Code, amended (H. Rept. 105–25);

H.R. 908, to establish a Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals (H. Rept. 105-26);

H.R. 927, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General (H. Rept. 105-27);

H.R. 924, to amend title 18, United States Code, to give further assurance to the right of victims of crime to attend and observe the trials of those accused of the crime, amended (H. Rept. 105-28);

H.R. 514, to permit the waiver of District of Columbia residency requirements for certain employees of the Office of the Inspector General of the District of Columbia, amended (H. Rept. 105-29);

H. Res. 91, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fifth Congress, amended (H. Rept. 105-30).

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National Civil Aviation Review Commission: The Speaker announced his appointment of Mr. John J. O'Connor of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Mr. D. Scott Yohe of Washington, D.C. to the National Civil Aviation Review Commission. Subsequently, read a letter from the Democratic Leader wherein he appointed Col. Leonard Griggs (retired) of Chesterfield, Missouri and Mr. John O'Brien of Lovettsville, Virginia to the commission.

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Presidential Message—National Emergency re Iran: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his report concerning the National Emergency with respect to Iran. Referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-53).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1997 Senate

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the

Federal Emergency Management Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for energy research programs of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

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

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 318, to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required by a creditor as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, and to consider the nominations of Yolanda Townsend Wheat, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Jeffrey A. Frankel, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Charles A. Gueli, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, and Susan R. Baron, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Corporation for Housing Partnerships, 3 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the United States Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings on proposals to authorize state and local governments to enact flow control laws and to regulate the interstate transportation of solid waste, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings on issues facing China in the post Deng era, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to resume mark up of S. 4, to provide private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs to help balance the needs of work and family, and to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and to consider pending nominations, 9 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Alexis M. Herman, of Alabama, to be Secretary of Labor, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to resume hearings on the nomination of Anthony Lake, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence, 10 a.m., SH-216.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E490–92 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review Agriculture Trade into the 21st century, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Federal Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Departmental Administration; Office of the Chief Financial Officer, 1 p.m., and on Congressional and public witnesses, 4 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Department of Commerce; International Trade Administration/International Trade Commission, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Geological Survey, 10 a.m., and on Secretary of Energy, 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute of Mental Health and National Institute of Aging, 10 a.m., and on National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and on National Institute of General Medical Sciences, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on the FAA, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on National Archives, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 607, Homeowners Insurance Protection Act; and to consider the Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 1998 for transmission to the Committee on the Budget, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on reauthorization of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Act (SAMSHA), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on mandatory union dues, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources, to continue oversight hearings on the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Veterans' Affairs: Mission, Management, and Performance, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing to review the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Authorize, Privatize, Reform, or Terminate? 2:30 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for FY 1998–99: International Organizations and Conferences, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 62, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitation, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on current implementation issues in the base realignment and closure process, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the New Attack Submarine Program, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on depot-level maintenance issues. 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Management of our Nation's forests and criteria for determining healthy forests, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1, Working Families Flexibility Act of 1997, and the Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 1998 for transmission to the Committee on the Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on fiscal year 1998 Authorization of the United States Fire Administration, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on ISTEA Rail Infrastructure Programs, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission; and H.R. 1003, a bill to clarify Federal Law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide, 5 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on IRS Budget for fiscal year 1998 and the 1997 Tax Return Filing Season, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on U.S. Trade Policy Objectives and Initiatives, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on the Budget-Technical Intelligence: Requirements, Collection, Processing and Exploitation, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, March 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the recognition of three Senators for speeches and the transaction of routine morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 18, proposed Constitutional amendment allowing Congress and the States to regulate contributions and expenditures in elections, with a vote to occur thereon at 2:45 p.m., following which Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 22, relating to the appointment of an independent counsel.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of 5 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 924, Victim Allocation Clarification Act of 1997;
 2. H.R. 927, U.S. Marshals Improvement Act;
 3. H.R. 672, Technical Amendments to Copyright Laws;
 4. H.R. 514, District of Columbia Inspector General Improvement Act of 1997; and
- Consideration of H.R. 412, Oroville-Tonasket Claim Settlement Act (open rule, 1 hour of debate).

NOTE: No votes are expected before 5 p.m.

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