

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2377–S2489

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 456–470, S.J. Res. 23, and S. Res. 64–65. Pages S2415–16

Measure Rejected:

Campaign Financing/Constitutional Amendment: By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 31), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and voting, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected S.J. Res. 18, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections. Pages S2377–97

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 S2397–S2411

Independent Counsel: Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 23, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Attorney General should exercise her best professional judgment, without regard to political pressures, on whether to invoke the independent counsel process to investigate alleged criminal misconduct relating to any election campaign. Page S2411

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of S.J. Res. 22 and S.J. Res. 23, both listed above, on Wednesday, March 19, 1996, with votes to occur thereon. Pages S2486–87

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Keith R. Hall, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. Pages S2486, S2489

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—31) Page S2397

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 19, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2489.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research programs of the 1996 Farm Bill, receiving testimony from Robert B. Horsch, Monsanto Company, St. Louis, Missouri; David E. Ervin, Henry A. Wallace Institute for Alternative Agriculture, Greenbelt, Maryland; Robert G. Cassens, University of Wisconsin, Madison, on behalf of the Federation of American Societies of Food Animal Sciences; William W. McFee, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, on behalf of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and the Soil Science Society of America; Ron Warfield, Illinois Farm Bureau, Bloomington, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Phil McLain, Statesville, North Carolina, on behalf of the National Association of Wheat Growers; Mike Wehler, Plain, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Animal Agriculture Coalition; Dennis Wiese, South Dakota Farmers Union, Flandreau, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; and Ron Rosmann, Harlan, Iowa, on behalf of the Practical

Farmers of Iowa and the Kellogg Foundation/Integrated Farming Systems Project.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 20.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their activities from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, Paul W. Johnson, Chief, Gary A. Margheim, Acting Associate Chief and Acting Deputy Chief for Science and Technology, Thomas A. Weber, Deputy Chief for Management, Lawrence E. Clark, Deputy Chief for Programs, and Carole Jett, Acting Deputy Chief for Soil Survey and Resources Assessment, all of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director for Budget, Legislative and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 8.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEMA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, receiving testimony from James Lee Witt, Director, FEMA.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 8.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, receiving testimony from Gen. George A. Joulwan, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command; Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; and Gen. John H. Tilelli, USA, Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, March 20.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

COAST GUARD BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the United States Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Adm. Robert E. Kramek, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

INTERSTATE WASTE AND FLOW CONTROL

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on proposals to authorize State and local governments to enact flow control laws and to regulate the interstate transportation of solid waste, after receiving testimony from Senators Coats, Specter, and Levin; Representatives Franks and Pascrell; Mayor John E. Rooney, Northvale, New Jersey, on behalf of the Mayors' Task Force Against Flow Control; Deputy Mayor for Operations Randy M. Mastro, New York, New York; Randy Johnson, Hennepin County, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; David K. Leff, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Hartford; Grover G. Norquist, Americans for Tax Reform, Washington, D.C.; John Broadway, Richmond, Virginia, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; James M. Seif, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Harrisburg; John Cahill, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany; David L. Olson, Max, North Dakota, on behalf of the Dakota Resource Council/Western Organization of Resource Councils; and Anthony Ciofalo, Allied Waste Industries, Scottsdale, Arizona, on behalf of the National Solid Wastes Management Association/Environmental Industry Associations.

CHINA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine the future of China, focusing on the effect the death of Deng Xiaoping will have on Chinese domestic and foreign policies, after receiving testimony from Winston Lord, New York, New York, former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; James R. Lilley, Institute for Global Chinese Affairs/University of Maryland, College Park; Harry Harding, Elliott School of International Affairs/George Washington University, and Robert Kagan, American University, both of Washington, D.C.; Winberg Chai, University of Wyoming, Laramie;

and Chen You-wei, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Potomac, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Donald M. Middlebrooks, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Jeffrey T. Miller, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Margaret M. Morrow, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Robert W. Pratt, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Middlebrooks was introduced by Senators Mack and Graham, Mr. Miller was introduced by Senator Feinstein, Ms. Morrow was introduced by Senator Boxer and Representative Rogan, and Mr. Pratt was introduced by Senators Grassley and Harkin.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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 demands and 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

The nominations of John A. Armstrong, of Massachusetts, Jane Lubchenco, of Oregon, Vera C. Rubin, of the District of Columbia, Bob H. Suzuki, of California, Richard A. Tapia, of Texas, Mary K. Gaillard, of California, M.R.C. Greenwood, of California, Stanley Vincent Jaskolski, of Ohio, and

Eamon M. Kelly, of Louisiana, each to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, Arthur I. Blaustein, of California, Lorraine Weiss Frank, of Arizona, and Susan Ford Wiltshire, of Tennessee, each to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Dave Nolan Brown, of Washington, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, Donna Holt Cunninghame, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, Jon Deveaux, of New York, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board, Magdalena G. Jacobsen, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, and Theodore Francis Verheggen, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, Joseph Lane Kirkland, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, Nathan Leventhal, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, and a Public Health Service Corps list received by the Senate on January 30, 1997.

NOMINATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Alexis M. Herman, of Alabama, to be Secretary of Labor, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Shelby and Representative Callahan, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 1089–1118, were introduced. Pages H1110–12

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 968, to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities, amended (H. Rept. 105–23 Part II); and

H. Res. 99, providing for consideration of H.R. 1, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector (H. Rept. 105–31). Page H1110

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative DeLay to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1041

Recess: The House recessed at 1:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H1047

Suspensions: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Victims of Crime: H.R. 924, amended, 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 (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 52); Pages H1048–52, H1067–68

U.S. Marshals Service: H.R. 927, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General; Pages H1052–53

Technical Corrections to Copyright Laws: H.R. 672, amended, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 17, United States Code (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 53); and Pages H1053–56, H1068–69

Waiver of Residency Requirements for Certain District of Columbia Employees: H.R. 514, amended, 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. Agreed to amend the title. Pages H1056–57

Recess: The House recessed at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. Page H1062

Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District: The House passed H.R. 412, to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District. Pages H1058–67

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages H1058–67

Rejected the Miller of California amendment that sought to require the irrigation district to pay fair market value for the property and facilities; determine the market value by a panel of three appraisers; and specifies that the district and Secretary of the Interior each select one panel member, with the third member selected by the other two (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 50). Pages H1063–66

H. Res. 94, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. Pages H1057–58

Investment Advisors: Considered by unanimous consent, the House passed S. 410, to extend the effective date of the Investment Advisors Supervision Coordination Act. Pages H1069–71

Assistant Clerk Designations: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designates Ms. Julie Perrier, Assistant Clerk, and Mr. Ray Strong, Assistant Clerk, to sign papers and do other acts under the

name of the Clerk of the House of Representatives in the Clerk's temporary absence or disability. Page H1071

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1066, H1068, and H1068–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE TRADE

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on Agriculture Trade into the 21st century. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Federal Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Departmental Administration and Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Pearlie Reed, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration; Irwin T. David, Acting Chief Financial Officer; and Anne F. Thomson Reed, Acting Chief Information Officer.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the Department of Commerce and on the International Trade Administration/International Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; and Marcia E. Miller, Chairman, U. S. International Trade Commission.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Geological Survey and on Secretary of Energy. Testimony was heard from Gordon P. Eaton, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and Federico Peña, Secretary of Energy.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute of Aging, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Dennis P. Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget; Steven E. Hyman, M.D., Director, Richard K. Nakamura, M.D., Associate Director, Science Policy, William T. Fitzsimmons, Executive Officer, Gemma M. Weiblinger, Special Assistant to the Director and J. Richard Pine, Budget Officer, all with the National Institute of Mental Health; Richard J. Hodes, M.D., Director, National Institute of Aging; Harold Varmus, M.D., Director, NIH; Zach W. Hall, M.D., Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; and Marvin Cassman, M.D., Director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the FAA. Testimony was heard from Barry Valentine, Acting Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the National Archives. Testimony was heard from John W. Carlin, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 607, Homeowners Insurance Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hansen, Kennedy of Massachusetts and Waters; Michael Stamper, Executive, Vice President, Risk Management, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; and public witnesses.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the reauthorization of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Act (SAMSHA). Testimony was heard from Nelba R. Chavez, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Frankie Sue Del Papa, Attorney General, State of Nevada; and public witnesses.

MANDATORY UNION DUES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on mandatory union dues. Testimony was heard from Representative Torres; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HHS AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS; MISSION MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources continued oversight hearings on the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Veterans' Affairs: Mission, Management, and Performance. Testimony was heard from June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of the GAO: Richard L. Hembra, Assistant Comptroller General, Health, Education and Human Services; Thomas G. Dowdal, Assistant Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues; and David P. Baine, Director, Federal Health Care Delivery Issues; and William Merriman, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

OPIC—AUTHORIZE, PRIVATIZE, REFORM OR TERMINATE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing to review the Overseas Private Investment Corporation—Authorize, Privatize, Reform, or Terminate. Testimony was heard from Ruth Harkin, CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on the Foreign Relations Authorization for FY 1998–99: International Organizations and Conferences. Testimony was heard from Princeton Lyman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

TAX LIMITATION—CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 62, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitation. Testimony was heard from Representative Shadegg; and public witnesses.

MILITARY BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE PROCESS

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on current implementation issues in the base realignment and closure process. Testimony was heard from John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Affairs and Installations), Department of Defense; and Neil Singer, Deputy Assistant Director, National Security, CBO.

NEW ATTACK SUBMARINE PROGRAM

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on the New Attack Submarine Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary, Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition; and Vice Adm. Donald Tilling, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Resources, Requirements and Assessments; Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MILITARY DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on depot-level maintenance issues. Testimony was heard from David R. Warren, Director, Defense Management Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Johnnie E. Wilson, USA, Commander, Army Materiel Command; Vice Adm. George R. Sterner, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command and Vice Adm. John A. Lockard, USN, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command, both with the Department of the Navy; Gen. Henry Viccellio, Jr., USAF, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command, Department of the Air Force; and Brig. Gen. Harry K. Barnes, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Logistics Bases, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATION'S FORESTS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Management of our Nation's forests and criteria for deter-

mining healthy forests. Testimony was heard from Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1, Working Families Flexibility Act of 1997. The rule makes in order the Committee on Education and the Workforce amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and provides that it shall be considered as read.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order by this rule shall be considered only in the order specified, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule further provides that an amendment designated to be offered by the chairman of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or his designee may be offered en bloc with one or more other such amendments.

Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodling and Representatives Fawell, Ballenger, Clay, Miller of California and Owens.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Rules: Approved its Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 1998 for transmission to the Committee on the Budget.

U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on the fiscal year 1998 Authorization of the United States Fire Administration. Testimony was heard from Carrye Brown, Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration, FEMA; and public witnesses.

ISTEA REAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on the ISTEA Rail Infrastructure Programs. Testimony was heard from Don Itzkoff, Deputy Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Leo Howard, Chairman, Board of Directors, Rail Authority, State of West Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action 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, Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.

IRS BUDGET—TAX RETURN FILING SEASON

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the IRS Budget for fiscal year 1998 and the 1997 Tax Return Filing Season. Testimony was heard from Representative Archer; Mike Dolan, Deputy Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

U.S. TRADE POLICY OBJECTIVES AND INITIATIVES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the U.S. Trade Policy Objectives and Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Representative Visclosky; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative-designate; and public witnesses.

BUDGET—TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Budget—Technical Intelligence: Requirements, Collection, Processing and Exploitation. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D187)

S.J. Res. 5, waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative. Signed March 17, 1997. (P.L. 105-5)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to review proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the intelligence community, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates

for fiscal year 1998 for the Securities and Exchange Commission, 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings in open and closed session on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Energy weapons programs., 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings to review the status of acquisition reform in the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Subcommittee on Seapower, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on military readiness accounts, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget, to hold a meeting to discuss various budget proposals for fiscal year 1998, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, focusing on efforts to implement universal telephone service reform and FCC proposals to assess new per-minute fees on Internet service providers, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 377, to promote electronic commerce by facilitating the use of strong encryption, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, focusing on environmental programs and statewide and metropolitan planning, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on improving Medicare choices, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine Internet crimes affecting consumers, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine efforts by private individuals, community organizations, and religious groups to prevent juvenile crime, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine proposals to reform the operation of the Food and Drug Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing

to review treatment of minority and limited resource producers by the United States Department of Agriculture, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Federal Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Congressional witnesses, 10 a.m., and on Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Drug Enforcement, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn, and on International Organizations and Peacekeeping, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

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

Subcommittee on Interior, on Smithsonian Institution, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Railroad Retirement Board; U.S. Institute of Peace, 10 a.m., and on Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and National Labor Relations Board, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on Military Quality of Life, 10 a.m., and on Department of Defense Medical Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Federal Transit Administration; Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Office of National Drug Control Policy, 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to continue hearings on Financial Services Modernization, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Medicare Provider Service Networks, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on WTO Telecom Agreement: Results and Next Steps, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to consider Committee investigation procedures, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Postal Service, oversight hearing of the United States Postal Service: Inspector General U.S. Postal Service Governors of the U.S. Postal Service, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, oversight hearing on Office of Compliance, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Economic Development of Africa's Natural Resources, 1 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Interfering with U.S. National Security Interests: The World Trade Organization and the Euro-

pean Union Challenge to the Helms-Burton bill, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, an overview hearing on U.S. Policy in the Western Hemisphere, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on the implementation of the Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-155), 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to continue hearings on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 Department of Defense authorization, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Merchant Marine Panel, hearing on fiscal year 1998 Maritime Administration authorization request and related matters, and the fiscal year 1998 Panama Canal Commission authorization request and related matters, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on fiscal year 1998 Department of Defense authorization request—Ballistic Missile Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing on H.R. 856, United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 39, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act, and H. Con. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems, and to hold an oversight hearing on the budget request for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services for Fiscal Year 1998, 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 929, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1997; and H. Res. 91, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

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Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to meet for organizational purposes, 9:30 a.m., and to

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Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Wednesday, March 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 22 and S.J. Res. 23, both relating to the appointment of an independent counsel, with votes to occur thereon.

Senate may also consider a resolution relating to the certification of Mexico, and any cleared legislative or executive items.

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