

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2951-S3066

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 545-562, S.J. Res. 25, S. Con. Res. 20, and S. Res. 70.

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Measures Passed:

Israeli Embassy Bombing: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 20, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the status of the investigation of the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires in 1992.

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Natural Resource Conservation Center Commemoration: Senate passed H.R. 785, to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center, clearing the measure for the President.

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Juneteenth Independence Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 11, commemorating "Juneteenth Independence Day," June 19, 1865, the day on which slavery finally came to an end in the United States, and the resolution was then passed.

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Holocaust Remembrance: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 11, permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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Nuclear Waste Policy Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 104, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S2951-63, S2971

Adopted:

Thurmond/Hollings Amendment No. 27 (to Amendment No. 26), to provide that the Savannah River Site and Barnwell County, South Carolina shall not be available for construction for an interim storage facility.

Pages S2951-63

Murkowski Amendment No. 36 (to Amendment No. 26), to give authority to the Secretary of Energy to collect fees for electricity generated by civilian

nuclear power reactors sold during an offsetting collection period.

Pages S2975-77

By 60 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 37), Thompson (for Frist/Thompson) Amendment No. 37 (to Amendment No. 26), to provide that the President shall not designate the Oak Ridge Reservation in the State of Tennessee as a site for construction of an interim storage facility.

Pages S2977-80, S2987

Domenici Amendment No. 40 (to Amendment No. 26), to prevent "double counting" in the determination of the fee collected for electricity generated by civilian nuclear power reactors and sold.

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Rejected:

Reid/Bryan Modified Amendment No. 28 (to Amendment No. 27), providing that the transportation of spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste to a centralized interim storage site or to a permanent repository shall not cross any state line without the express written consent of the Governor of the State of entry. (By 72 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 36), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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By 24 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 38), Bumpers Amendment No. 33 (to Amendment No. 26), to clarify Congressional intent with respect to enactment of this Act in response to DOE's inability to meet the January 31, 1998 contractual deadline to start disposing of spent nuclear fuel.

Pages S2990-92, S2994-95

By 36 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 39), Bingaman Amendment No. 41 (to Amendment No. 26), to strike the ban on designating certain sites as interim storage facilities.

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Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 26, in the nature of a substitute.

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Reid (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 29 (to Amendment No. 26), to ensure that emergency response personnel in all jurisdictions on primary and alternative shipping routes have received training and have been determined to meet standards set by the Secretary before shipments of spent nuclear fuel and high-level nuclear waste.

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Reid (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 30 (to Amendment No. 26), to express the sense of the

Senate regarding Federal assistance for elderly and disabled legal immigrants. **Page S2977**

Lott (for Domenici) Amendment No. 42, (to Amendment No. 26), to provide that no points of order, which require 60 votes in order to adopt a motion to waive such point of order, shall be considered to be waived during the consideration of a joint resolution under section 401 of this Act. **Page S2996**

Lott (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 43 (to Amendment No. 42), to establish the level of annual fee for each civilian nuclear power reactor. **Page S2996**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, with final disposition to occur thereon on Tuesday, April 15, 1996, and pursuant to the agreement, the cloture vote scheduled for Friday, April 11, 1997, on Amendment No. 26, listed above, was vitiated. **Pages S2995-96**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, April 14, 1997.

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Pete Peterson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. **Pages S3001-10, S3066**

Messages From the House: **Page S3010**

Measures Referred: **Page S3010**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total-39) **Pages S2962-63, S2987, S2994-95**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, April 14, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3066.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ann Jorgenson, of Iowa, to be a Member of the

Farm Credit Administration Board, and Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, after the nominees, who were introduced by Representative Boswell, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEA/FBI/INS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Justice, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, all of the Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 16.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Indian Gaming Commission, receiving testimony from Ada Deer, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 17.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (NEXTEA)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine the fiscal year 1998 funding implications of the Administration's National Economic Crossroads Transportation Efficiency Act (NEXTEA) Surface Transportation Reauthorization proposal, after receiving testimony from Jane F. Garvey, Acting Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, and Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; Darrel Rensink, Iowa Department of Transportation, Des Moines, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; William D. Fay, American Highway Users Alliance, John J. Collins, American Trucking Associations, and William W. Millar, American Public Transit Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Frederick L. Gruel, AAA New Jersey Automobile Club, Trenton, on behalf of the American Automobile Association; and Harry W. Blunt, Jr., Concord Trailways, Concord,

New Hampshire, on behalf of the American Bus Association.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings on S. 450, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, focusing on science and technology research, receiving testimony from Charles M. Vest, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Rodney A. Erickson, Pennsylvania State University, University Park; Dan C. Heinemeier, Electronic Industries Association, Arlington, Virginia; and John K. Buckner, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and Frank Press, Carnegie Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 15.

MULTI-CHANNEL VIDEO COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine competitiveness in the cable industry and alternatives to cable, receiving testimony from Amos B. Hostetter, Jr., Continental Cablevision, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; Gene Kimmelman, Consumer's Union, and Rupert Murdoch, News Corporation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Stanley S. Hubbard, Hubbard Broadcasting, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction program, after receiving testimony from Richard W. Krimm, Executive Associate Director of the Mitigation Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Robert Hebner, Acting Director, National Institute for Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; P. Patrick Leahy, Chief Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; M. Christina Gabriel, Acting Deputy Assistant Director for Engineering, National Science Foundation; and Arch Johnston, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee.

ESTATE AND GIFT TAXATION

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on estate and gift taxation proposals, including S. 482, to partially exclude from the gross estate of a decedent the value of a family-owned business, and S. 75 and provisions of H.R. 902, bills to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skip-

ping transfers, receiving testimony from Senators Collins, Kyl and Lugar; Representative Cox; William W. Beach, Heritage Foundation, and Harry L. Gutman, King and Spalding, both of Washington, D.C.; Drew S. Mendoza, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois; John Dudley, Comanche, Texas; Lee Ann Ferris, Ketchum, Idaho; and Gordon Perkins, LaPeer, Mississippi.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

HONG KONG

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine United States law enforcement interests in Hong Kong, after receiving testimony from James S. Milford, Jr., Acting Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Agency, Alan G. Ringgold, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mark M. Richard, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, and Phyllis Coven, Director of International Affairs, Immigration and Naturalization Service, all of the Department of Justice; Jeffrey A. Bader, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; John P. Simpson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Regulatory, Tariff, and Trade Enforcement; and Roy Godson, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Also, committee concluded hearings to examine the outlook for Hong Kong following its planned reversion to China, focusing on the future of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Hong Kong, after receiving testimony from Martin C.M. Lee, Chairman of the Democratic Party, Hong Kong.

IRS HIGH-RISK AREAS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine Internal Revenue Service efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the program areas identified by the General Accounting Office as high-risk, receiving testimony from Lawrence Summers, Deputy Secretary, and Michael P. Dolan, Deputy Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, both of the Department of the Treasury; Rona B. Stillman, Chief Scientist, Computers and Telecommunications, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; and Donald C. Alexander, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, Washington, D.C., former IRS Commissioner.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CHINESE ARMS PROLIFERATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine China's proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and related

technologies, missile delivery systems, and advanced conventional weapons, after receiving testimony from Robert J. Einhorn, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation/Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; James R. Lilley, University of Maryland, College Park; and Gary Milhollin, Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Alexis M. Herman, of Alabama, to be Secretary of Labor.

SENATE ELECTIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings to review certain petitions filed in connection with a contested United States Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, receiving testimony from Robert F. Bauer, Perkins Coie, and William B. Canfield, III, Williams & Jensen, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, April 15.

HUBZONE ACT

Committee on Small Business: Committee concluded hearings on S. 208, to provide Federal contracting opportunities for small business concerns located in historically underutilized business zones, after receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, and James Hoobler, Inspector General, both of the Small Business Administration; Mayor Emmanuel Cleaver, Kansas City, Missouri; Santos F. Garza, Counter Technology, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland; Peter

Homer, National Indian Business Association, and Anthony W. Robinson, Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense Education Fund, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; and Sandra Newman, Raritan Container, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, April 16.

MEDICARE REFORM: MANAGED CARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain issues concerning the availability of useful information for Medicare beneficiaries attempting to choose a managed health care plan, and on proposed legislation to require beneficiaries to have access to the disenrollment rates of health plans, and to initiate a standardized format for plan information and create a comparison chart to assist the beneficiary decision making process, after receiving testimony from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Diane Archer, Medicare Rights Center, New York, New York; Helen Darling, Xerox Corporation, Stamford, Connecticut, on behalf of the Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Sciences; Margaret T. Stanley, California Public Employees' Retirement System, Sacramento; and Irvin and Emelda Stuart, Bronx, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 45 public bills, H.R. 1268–1312; 2 private bills, H.R. 1313–1314; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 69–70, H. Con. Res. 60, and H. Res. 110–111 were introduced. Pages H1437–39

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1225, to make a technical correction to title 28, United States Code, relating to jurisdiction for lawsuits against terrorist states (H. Rept. 105–48);

H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission (H. Rept. 105–49 Part I); and

H.J. Res. 62, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations, amended (H. Rept. 105–50). Page H1437

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Smith of Michigan to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Suspension—Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1003, amended, to clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 75).

Pages H1397–H1405

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14; and agreed that when the House

adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15, for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, April 16. Page H1406

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H1405. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 p.m. and adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT AND REFORM ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a hearing to review the implementation of the risk management provisions in the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Kenneth D. Ackerman, Acting Administrator, Risk Management Agency, USDA; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the Census and Statistical Programs, Commerce Department, and on the Immigration and Border Security. 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 Census; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and Anthony C. Moscato, Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review; and Mary A. Ryan, Assistant Secretary, Consular Affairs, Department of State.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the National Park Service and on the Indian Health Service. Testimony was heard from Denis P. Galvin, Acting Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Michael H. Trujillo, M.D., Assistant Surgeon General and Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Enforcement Agencies (OSHA, MSHA, ESA); Office of Inspector General, on the Bureau of Labor Statistics and on the Pension Agencies (PBGC and PWBA). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Gregory R. Watchman, Acting Assistant Secretary, OSHA; J. Davitt McAteer, Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health Administration; Bernard E. Anderson, Assistant Secretary, Emergency Standards Administration; A. Charles C. Masten, Inspector General; Patricia A. Dalton, Deputy Inspector General; F. M. Broadway, Assistant Inspector General, Investigation; John J. Getek, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; Sylvia T. Horowitz, Assistant Inspector General, Management and Counsel; Katharine G. Abraham, Commissioner, and William G. Barron, Jr., Deputy Commissioner, both with the Bureau of Labor Statistics; and Kenneth V. Dalton, Associate Commissioner, Prices and Living Conditions; Daniel J. Lacey, Associate Commissioner, Administration; Olena Berg, Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration; and James E. McMullen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget; and John Seal, Acting Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on the National Reconnaissance Program. Testimony was heard from Keith Hall, Director, National Reconnaissance Program, Department of Defense.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the NSF. Testimony was heard from Neal Lane, Director, NSF.

COMMON CENTS STOCK PRICING ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 1053, Common Cents Stock Pricing Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Steven M.H. Wallman, Commissioner, SEC; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue April 16.

EPA'S PROPOSED OZONE AND PARTICULATE MATTER NAAQS REVISIONS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on Review of

EPA's Proposed Ozone and Particulate Matter NAAQS Revisions. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue April 17.

PROTOCOL FOR DOCUMENTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Approved a Document Protocol setting forth the procedures to be followed by the Committee and its Subcommittees, for obtaining, storing and releasing of documents and other materials. This Protocol shall apply only to Committee and Subcommittee investigation of political fund-raising improprieties and possible violations of law by persons or entities within the Committee's oversight jurisdiction and to documents and materials obtained during the investigation by Committee subpoena or letter request. The Protocol shall not apply to any other oversight conducted by the Committee or any Subcommittee unless specifically adopted by decision of the Chairman or by vote of the Committee.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD EGYPT

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy toward Egypt. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1253, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999.

OVERSIGHT—PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing regarding Product Liability Reform. Testimony was heard from Representative Campbell; Tom Miller, Attorney General, State of Iowa; and public witnesses.

MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION SYSTEM

Committee on National Security: Morale, Welfare and Recreation Panel held a hearing on the morale, welfare and recreation system. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Frederick F.Y. Pang, Assistant Secretary (Force Management Policy); Brig. Gen. Evan R. Gaddis, USA, Commander, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center; Rear Adm. Larry R. Marsh, USN, Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel, Personnel Readiness and Community Support; Arthur Myers, Deputy Director, Services and Director of Resources Management and Oversight, DCS Installations and Logistics, U.S. Air Force; and Mike

Tharrington, Acting Director, MWR Program, U.S. Marine Corps.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on the long-term planning for military construction requirements. Testimony was heard from John Hamre, Under Secretary (Comptroller), Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on the fiscal year 1998 Department of Energy authorization request and related matters. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Federico R. Peña, Secretary-Designate; Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary, Defense Programs; Alvin L. Alm, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; and Kenneth E. Baker, Acting Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security; Siegfried S. Hecker, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratories; C. Paul Robinson, President and Laboratories Director, Sandia National Laboratories; Bruce C. Tarter, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 478, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the ability of individuals and local, State, and Federal agencies to comply with that act in building, operating, maintaining, or repairing flood control projects, facilities, or structures. Testimony was heard from Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Civil Works) Policy and Legislation, Department of Defense; John R. Garamendi, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans approved for full Committee action H.R. 408, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 449, to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County,

NV, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills, H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore; and H.R. 136, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to designate the Majority Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and to amend the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989 to designate the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director, Park Operations and Education, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NASA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics concluded hearings on fiscal year 1998 NASA Authorization: Science Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Wesley T. Huntress, Jr., Associate Administrator, Office of Space Science; Arnauld E. Nicogossian, Associate Administrator, Office of Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications; and Neal Pellis, Head, Biotechnology Program, Johnson Space Center; Eugene Shoemaker, Scientist Emeritus, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY FUNDING NEEDS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology concluded hearings on funding needs for the National Institute of Standards and Technology Part 2. Testimony was heard from Allen Li, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing to examine the proposed redrafting of Section 15 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR). Testimony was heard from Steven Kelman, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; Jere Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

ETHICS REFORM

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Task Force on Ethics Reform met in executive session to continue discussions on Ethics Reform.

SUPERFUND REAUTHORIZATION AND REFORM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Superfund Reauthorization and

Reform: Perspectives of Interested Parties. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Steven A. Herman, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; and Timothy Fields, Jr., Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; James C. Coleman, Assistant Commissioner, Waste Site Cleanup, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Massachusetts; Douglas H. Palmer, Mayor, Trenton, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

REHABILITATION AND LONG-TERM HOSPITALS PAYMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care Hospitals Payments. Testimony was heard from Representative LoBiondo; Barbara O. Wynn, Acting Director, Bureau of Policy Development, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Joseph P. Newhouse, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; and public witnesses.

FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next. Testimony was heard from Jane L. Ross, Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; David Koitz, Specialist in Social Legislation, Education and Public Welfare Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

BUDGET—ANALYSIS AND PRODUCTION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a Budget hearing—Analysis and Production. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine the increase in personal bankruptcies and the crisis in consumer credit, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to resume hearings on proposals to reform the performance, efficiency, and use of resources of the Food and Drug Administration, 10 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Medicare Preventive Benefits and Quality Standards, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 14 through 19, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 104, Nuclear Waste Policy Act, with a vote on final disposition to occur on Tuesday, April 15, 1997.

On *Wednesday*, Senate may consider the nomination of Alexis M. Herman, of Alabama, to be Secretary of Labor.

During the balance of the week Senate may consider any cleared executive and legislative business.

(*Senate will recess on Tuesday, April 15, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.*)

Senate Committees

(*Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated*)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: April 17, to hold hearings on crop and revenue insurance issues, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: April 15 and 17, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, Tuesday, to hold hearings to examine alleged Internal Revenue Service employees' misuse of taxpayers files, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of the Treasury, focusing on law enforcement programs, 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday in SD-138 and Thursday in SD-124.

April 15, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Rural Utilities Service, the Rural Housing Service, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Center, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-124.

April 16, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 16 and 17, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, Wednesday, for the Federal Communications Commission, 10 a.m.; Thursday, for the Supreme Court of the United States and the Judiciary, 1:30 p.m.; S-146, Capitol.

April 16, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-124.

April 16, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed

budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Education, 2 p.m., SD-124.

April 17, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, 9 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: April 15, Subcommittee on Readiness, to resume hearings on S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, and S. 451, the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, focusing on environmental and military construction issues, 2 p.m., SR-222.

April 15, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to resume hearings on S. 450, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, focusing on the trends in the industrial and technology base supporting national defense, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

April 16, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to resume hearings on S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, focusing on tactical aircraft modernization plans, 10 a.m., SR-222.

April 17, Subcommittee on Readiness, to resume hearings on S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, focusing on the status of the operational readiness of the U.S. military forces, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Finance: April 14, to hold hearings to review the Tax Foundation's report entitled "Tax Freedom Day 1997", detailing the computation of the number of days Americans must work before they have paid their tax bill, 1:30 p.m., SD-215.

April 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings on education tax proposals, including S. 1, to provide safe and affordable schools, 10 a.m., SD-215.

April 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings on certain revenue raising provisions of the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1998, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 15, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to review the U.S.-Japan bilateral relationship, 9 a.m., SD-419.

April 15 and 17, Full Committee, to resume hearings on the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (Treaty Doc. 103-21), Tuesday at 2 p.m. and Thursday at 10 a.m., SD-419.

April 17, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to review U.S. efforts relating to the proliferation of Iran, 2 p.m., SD-419.

April 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas R. Pickering, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: April 16, to hold hearings on the Census in the year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 16, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Government's role in television programming, 2 p.m., SD-342.

April 17, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine opportunities for improvement in the public schools of the District of Columbia, 9:15 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 15, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine issues affecting immigrant entrepreneurs, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S.J. Res. 6, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 16, Subcommittee on Youth Violence, to hold hearings to examine the need for more juvenile bedspace and juvenile record-sharing, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: April 15, Subcommittee on Employment and Training, to hold hearings to examine innovations in adult training, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

April 16, Full Committee, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

April 17, Subcommittee on Employment and Training, to hold hearings to examine innovations in youth training, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

April 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine proposals to improve the health status of children, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration: April 15, to resume hearings concerning petitions filed in connection with a contested U.S. Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

April 17, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider the committee's course of action concerning petitions filed in connection with a contested U.S. Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business: April 16, business meeting, to mark up S. 208, to provide Federal contracting opportunities for small business concerns located in historically underutilized business zones, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: April 17, to hold hearings to examine Persian Gulf War issues, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 16 and 17, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Chamber

Monday, April 14: No Legislative Business.

Tuesday, April 15: Consideration of 4 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 1226, Taxpayer Browsing Protection Act;
2. H. Res. _____, Sense of Congress on Family Tax Relief;

3. H.R. 1001, Extend Term of Appointment of Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission;

4. H.R. 1225 Technical Correction re: Lawsuits Against Terrorist States; and

Consideration of H.J. Res. 62, Tax Limitation Amendment (subject to a rule).

Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 17: Consideration of 5 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 1090, Clear and Unmistakable Error;

2. H.R. 1092, Enhanced Use Bill;

3. H.R. 173, Donating Retiring Law Enforcement Canines to Handlers;

4. H.R. 930, Travel and Transportation Act;

5. H.R. 111, Dos Palos Land Transfer; and

Consideration of H.R. 400 21st Century Patent Improvement Act (Subject to a Rule).

Friday, April 18: No Votes Are Expected.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 15, 16, and 17, Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, hearings on reform of the Commodity Exchange Act and provisions of H.R. 467, Commodity Exchange Act Amendments of 1997, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

April 17, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on status and prospects for trade between the United States and the European Union in livestock, dairy, and poultry products, 1 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

April 17, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on the status of NAFTA with Canada and Mexico, 9:30 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 15, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, on Office of Justice Programs; on Office of Community Oriented Policing; and on Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 2 p.m., H-309 the Capitol.

April 15, Subcommittee on Interior, on Bureau of Indian Affairs/Office of Special Trustee, 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 15, 16, and 17, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 15 and 16, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on EPA, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

April 16, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, on the SBA; Economic Development Administration; and Minority Business Development Agency, 10 a.m., on the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 2 p.m., and on the EEOC, 3 p.m. H-309 Capitol.

April 16, Subcommittee on Interior, on Members of Congress, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 16, Subcommittee on National Security, on Ballistic Missile Defense, 1:30 p.m., H-140 the Capitol.

April 17, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, on Congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 17, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Export Finance Agencies, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

April 17, Subcommittee on National Security, on Congressional and public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, April 15, to mark up H.R. 2, Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, April 16, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to continue hearings on H.R. 1053, the Common Cents Stock Pricing Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 17, Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue joint hearings on Review of EPA's Proposed Ozone and Particulate Matter NAAQS Revisions, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 16, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on OSHA's Methylene Chloride rule, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 17, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, hearing on food safety in the School Lunch Program, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, April 14, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on IRS Mismanagement and Ideas for Improvement, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 16, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on DC Retirement System—Coping with Unfunded Liabilities, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

April 16, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on EPA's Particulate Matter and Ozone Rulemaking: Is EPA Above the Law? 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 16, Subcommittee on Postal Service, hearing on H.R. 22, Postal Reform Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

April 18, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on the Debt Collection Improvement Act, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, April 17, to continue hearings on "Does U.N. Peacekeeping Serve U.S. Interests?" (Part II), 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 16, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the operation of the bankruptcy system and a status report from the National Bankruptcy Review Commission, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

April 17, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 874, to provide that Oregon may not tax compensation paid to a resident of Washington for services as a Federal employee at a Federal hydroelectric facility located on the Columbia River; and H.R. 865, to provide that Kentucky may not tax compensation paid to a resident of Tennessee for services as a Federal employee at Fort Campbell, KY, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

April 17, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 589, Fair Housing Reform and Freedom of Speech Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, April 15, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the sale or transfer of supercomputers to foreign entities or governments engaged in nuclear weapons research and its impact on the

national security interests of the United States, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 16, full committee, hearing on Quadrennial Defense Review and National Defense Panel, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, April 15, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, joint oversight hearing on implementation of the 1964 Wilderness Act on BLM and Forest Service lands, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 16, full Committee, to consider pending business, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 17, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Service Budget, 2:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 17, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and the fiscal year 1998 federal funding request for the program, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, April 14, to consider H.J.Res. 62, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitation, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, April 16, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 363, to amend section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination program; H.R. 437, Marine Resources Revitalization Act; H.R. 1271, FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1272, Fire Administration Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1273, National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1274, National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1275, Civilian Space Authorization Act, Fiscal years 1998 and 1999; H.R. 1276, Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1277, Department of Energy Civilian Research and Development Act of 1997; and H.R. 1278, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 15 and 17, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight and Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction, joint hearings on Federal Agency Compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act: Are Federal Agencies Using "Good Science" In Their Making? 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, April 16, Subcommittee on Health and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on health problems of Persian Gulf War Veterans and possible exposure to chemical warfare agents, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

April 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on sexual harassment issues involving senior career managers within the VA, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 15, hearing on the Impact on Individuals and Families of Replacing the Federal Income Tax, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 16, Subcommittee on Human Resources, to mark up H.R. 867, Adoption Promotion Act of 1997, 4 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

April 16, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the Electronic Tax Payment System, 9:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

April 17, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Issues Relating to Medicare's Coverage Policy, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 15, executive, Budget hearing on Personnel and Legislative Issues, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 16, executive, Budget hearing on DCI Wrap-up, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Monday, April 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 p.m., Monday, April 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of five Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will resume consideration of S. 104, Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: No legislative business.

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