

Wednesday, April 16, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 16 sundry measures.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 61, Honoring the Lifetime Achievements of Jackie Robinson.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 587–600 and S. Con. Res. 21. **Page S3269**

Measures Passed:

Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 44), Senate passed H.R. 1003, to clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S3249–65**

Condemning Attack in Cambodia: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 69, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the March 30, 1997, terrorist grenade attack in Cambodia, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3300**

Graduation Data Disclosures: Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 914, to make certain technical corrections in the Higher Education Act of 1965 relating to graduation data disclosures, and the bill was then passed after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3300–01**

Frist (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 46, relating to a date extension and to make changes in the program under title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. **Page S3301**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Brian Dean Curran, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Olivia A. Golden, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

Gina McDonald, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1998.

Bonnie O'Day, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1998. **Page S3301**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—44) **Page S3265**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:21 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 17, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3301.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for defense programs, focusing on the Department of the Army, receiving testimony from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary, and Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, Chief of Staff, both of the Department of the Army.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 23.

APPROPRIATIONS—FCC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Federal Communications Commission, receiving testimony from Reed E. Hundt, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies held hearings on aviation safety and security issues, receiving testimony from Carl Vogt, White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security; James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and Barry L. Valentine, Acting Administrator, Susan Kurland, Airports, Cathal Flynn, Civil Aviation Security, Monte Belger, Deputy Administrator, George Donahue, Research and Acquisitions, and Guy Gardner, Regulation and Certification, all of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 7.

APPROPRIATIONS—EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Education, receiving testimony from Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education; Nevada Governor Bob Miller, Carson City; Ohio Governor George Voinovich, Columbus; Robert Reiner, Castle Rock Entertainment, Hollywood, California; and Bruce Perry, Baylor School of Medicine, Houston, Texas.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland Forces resumed 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 tactical aircraft modernization plans, receiving testimony from Cindy L. Williams, Assistant Director, National Security Division, Congressional Budget Office; George R. Schneider, Director, Strategic and Tactical Systems, and William J. Lynn III, Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, both of the Department of Defense; Arthur L. Money, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and Norman R. Augustine, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Bethesda, Maryland.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held open and closed 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 information warfare programs, policies, and issues, receiving testimony from Joan A. Dempsey, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence; Lt. Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Director for Operations, (J-3), Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Lt. Gen. Douglas D. Buchholz, USA, Director for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (J-6), Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Lt. Gen. Kenneth A. Minihan, USAF, Director, National Security Agency; and Maj. Gen. David J. Kelly, USA, Vice Director, Defense Information Systems Agency.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

FEDERAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space held hearings on the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1998 for Federally-funded research and development projects and to examine associated trends, receiving testimony from John H. Gibbons, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Albert Teich, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Claude Barfield, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Lewis M. Branscomb, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

EDUCATION TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine certain higher education tax incentives as contained in the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998, and related provisions of S. 1, S. 127, and S. 559, receiving testimony from Senators Coverdell, Graham, McConnell, and Biden; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; Mississippi State Treasurer Marshall G. Bennett, Jackson, on behalf of the National Association of State Treasurers; Jennifer Long, State University of New York at Buffalo, on behalf of the American Association of Dental Schools and the American Dental Association; C. Tyler Mathisen, *Money Magazine*, New York, New York; John S. Barry, Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; David W. Breneman, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Michael S. McPherson, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota; and Kathleen Thompson, Tracor, Inc., Rockville,

Maryland, on behalf of the American Electronics Association and the Society for Human Resource Management.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CENSUS 2000

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine the constitutionality of the Census Bureau's current plans for estimating the year 2000 census, receiving testimony from Stuart M. Gerson, former Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Wisconsin Attorney General James E. Doyle, Madison; Lawrence D. Brown, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; and Charles L. Schultze, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to discuss the influence of certain television programming on children's language development, reading skills, attention span, and attitudes toward violence, sexuality, and other behaviors, and the Federal Government's role in improving the content of programming, after receiving testimony from Senator DeWine; Dale Kunkel, University of California, Santa Barbara; Jeffrey I. Cole, UCLA Center for Community Policy, Los Angeles, California; Helen K. Liebowitz, National PTA Board of Directors, Chicago, Illinois; Whitney G. Vanderwerff, National Alliance for Non-violent Programming, Greensboro, North Carolina; Michael Brody, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Washington, D.C.; and David Walsh, National Institute on Media and the Family, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings on S.J. Res. 6, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, receiving testimony from Representatives Scott and Pryce; Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice; Wisconsin Attorney General James E. Doyle, Madison; Kansas Attorney General Carla J. Stovall, Topeka; Barbara LaWall, Office of the Pima County Attorney, Tucson, Arizona; Robert J. Humphreys, Office of the Commonwealth Attorney for Virginia Beach, Virginia, on behalf of the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys; Paul G. Cassell, University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City; Donna F. Edwards, Na-

tional Network to End Domestic Violence, Washington, D.C.; John Walsh, "America's Most Wanted", Arlington, Virginia; Marsha A. Kight, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Lynne Henderson, Bloomington, Indiana.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

JUVENILE CRIME

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Youth Violence concluded hearings to examine the trend in violent juvenile crime and certain issues regarding the juvenile justice system, focusing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's role in identifying juveniles and providing criminal history record information to criminal justice agencies, after receiving testimony from Senator Ashcroft; Charles W. Archer, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; John F. Butler, Circuit Judge, Juvenile Division, Juvenile Court of Mobile County, Alabama; Melvin Brown, Jr., Montgomery County Probation Department, Montgomery County, Texas; James Wootton, Safe Streets Coalition, Washington, D.C.; Vicki L. Wright, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, Austin; Sheriff Edmund M. Sexton, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; and Kenneth W. Sukhia, Tallahassee, Florida.

AUTHORIZATION—HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, focusing on how colleges and universities are using new technologies to extend the classroom beyond their campuses (distance learning), receiving testimony from Utah Governor Michael O. Leavitt, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the Western Governors University; William H. Graves, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Muriel Oaks, Washington State University, Pullman, both on behalf of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the American Council on Education, and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges; William A. Wulf, National Academy of Engineering, Washington, D.C.; and David B. House, Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Standish.

Hearings will resume on Wednesday, April 23.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee will meet again tomorrow.