

Monday, February 23, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Landrieu read Washington's Farewell Address.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1663-1668, S.J. Res. 41, and S. Res. 179. **Pages S836-37**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Reported on Thursday, February 19, during the adjournment:

S. 1133, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-164) **Page S836**

Reported today:

S. 1668, to encourage the disclosure to Congress of certain classified and related information. (S. Rept. No. 105-165) **Page S836**

Campaign Finance Reform: Senate began consideration of S. 1663, to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for politics by a corporation or labor organization, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S817-32**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1646, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S830-32**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the pending amendment on Tuesday, February 24, 1998, with a vote on a motion to table to occur thereon. **Page S832**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patrick A. Mulloy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Raymond L. Bramucci, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Seth D. Harris, of New York, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. **Page S863**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

John Warren McGarry, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2001, which was sent to the Senate on January 7, 1997. **Page S864**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S863.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded hearings on S. 1260, to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law by setting national standards for stocks that are traded on the national markets, after receiving testimony from Boris Feldman, Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati, Palo Alto, California; Richard W. Painter, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York; Michael Morris, Sun Microsystems, Inc.,

Mountain View, California; Mary Rouleau, Consumer Federation of America, and John F. Olson, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, both of Washington, D.C.; and J. Harry Weatherly, Jr., Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, on behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association.

CHILD CARE SYMPOSIUM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Children and Families met to discuss certain child care and parenting issues, receiving testimony from Olivia A. Golden, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Diane G. Fisher, Terrace Park, Ohio, and Anita K. Blair, Arlington, Virginia, both on behalf of the Independent Women's Forum, Ar-

lington, Virginia; Jay Belsky, Pennsylvania State University, University Park; Armand M. Nicholi, Jr., Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston; Danielle Crittenden, Women's Quarterly, Darcy Olsen, Cato Institute, Helen Blank, Children's Defense Fund, Charmaine Yoest, Family Research Council, Robert Rector, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Ellen Galinsky, Families and Work Institute, New York, New York; Maggie Gallagher, Institute for American Values, Westchester, New York; Wade Horn, National Fatherhood Initiative, Gaithersburg, Maryland; Heidi Brennan, Mothers at Home, and Brenda Hunter, both of Vienna, Virginia; Michael Lotito, Society for Human Resource Management, Alexandria, Virginia; and Stanley I. Greenspan, Reading, Massachusetts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will next meet on Tuesday, February 24.

Committee Meetings

EDUCATION STANDARDS AND TESTING IN THE STATES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Education Standards and Testing in the States. Testimony was heard from Terry Branstad, Governor, State of Iowa; Frank Brogan, Commissioner of Education, State of Florida; Michael Ward, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT INVESTIGATION—TEAMSTERS ELECTION

Committee of Education and the Workforce: On February 19, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved the issuance of subpoenas duces tecum regarding the oversight investigation of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters election.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D95)

S. 1564, to provide redress for inadequate restitution of assets seized by the United States Government during World War II which belonged to victims of the Holocaust. Signed February 13, 1998. (P.L. 105-158)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 24 through 28, 1998

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1663, regarding campaign finance reform.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will consider the veto message to accompany H.R. 2631, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45, Military Construction Appropriations, 1998, with a vote on the message to occur thereon.

During the balance of the week Senate expects to continue consideration of S. 1663, regarding campaign finance reform, and may consider any executive or legislative business cleared for action.

(Senate will recess on *Tuesday, February 24, 1998*, 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 Appropriations: February 24 and 26, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, Tuesday, for the Agricultural Research Service, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, Economic Research Service, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m.; Thursday, for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m.; SD-138.

February 24 and 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, Tuesday, for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m.; Thursday, for the Department of State, 10 a.m.; SD-192.

February 26, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Capitol Police Board, and the Congressional Budget Office, 10 a.m., SD-116.

February 26, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Treasury Department, focusing on law enforcement programs, 1 p.m., SD-124.

February 26, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: February 24 and 25, Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings on the status of the operational readiness of the U.S. military forces including the availability of resources and training opportunities necessary to meet our national security requirements, Tuesday at 3 p.m. in SR-301 and Wednesday at 10 a.m. in SH-216.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine NATO expansion, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 25, to hold oversight hearings on monetary policy of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: February 24, to hold hearings to examine what a budget surplus means to social security, 2 p.m., SD-608.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine long term budget projections and issues, 10 a.m., SD-608.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the success of the national trade strategy from the perspective of international affairs funding, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 24 and 26, to resume hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between States Attorneys Generals and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 9:45 a.m., SR-253.

February 25, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine universal service administration issues and the General Accounting Office's (GAO) report from February 11, 1998 that declared the schools and libraries and rural health care corporations illegal, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

February 25, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Rail Safety Act, 2 p.m., SR-253.

February 26, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's

(FAA) efforts to upgrade the infrastructure that supports air transportation in the United States, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 24, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings to examine the status of the visitor center and museum facilities project at Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania, 2 p.m., SD-366.

February 25, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the use of speciality forest projects from the National Forests, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: February 25, to resume hearings on proposals and recommendations to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, including a related measure H.R. 2676, 10 a.m., SD-215.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine private contracting in Medicare, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 24, to hold hearings on the Administration views on the protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty on Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, 10 a.m., SD-106.

February 25, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on the implementation of U.S. policy on construction of a Western Caspian Sea oil pipeline, 10 a.m., SD-419.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Robert T. Grey, Jr., of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, 2 p.m., SD-419.

February 26, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine whether U.S. unilateral trade sanctions are effective for U.S.-Asia trade policy, 10 a.m., SD-419.

February 26, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine drug trafficking and certification, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: February 24, to resume hearings on S. 981, to provide for the analysis of major regulatory rules by Federal agencies, 3 p.m., SD-342.

February 26, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings on S. 1495, to strengthen the ability of the Office of Personnel Management to obtain judicial review to protect the merit system, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 24, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine incidences of foreign terrorists in America five years after the world Trade Center, 9 a.m., SD-226.

February 24, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine whether term limits or campaign finance reform would provide true political reform, 2 p.m., SD-226.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine incidences of high tech worker shortage and immigration policy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending judicial nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

February 26, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 26, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings on oversight of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, Focusing on international and criminal enforcement, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: February 24, to resume hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, 10 a.m., SD-430.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine how to mobilize school and community resources during non-school hours, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

February 26, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the confidentiality of medical information, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration: February 25, to hold oversight hearings on the strategic plan implementation including budget requests for the operations of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and the Architect of the Capitol, 9 a.m., SR-301.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1578, to make available on the Internet, for purposes of access and retrieval by the public, certain information available through the Congressional Research Service web site, and to hold oversight hearings on the budget requests for the operations of the Government Printing Office, the National Gallery of Art, and the Congressional Research Service, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans Affairs: February 24, to hold hearings on the nomination of Togo D. West, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Jewish War Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Blinded Veterans Association, the Veterans of World War, I, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 25, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for Indian programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on the Bureau of Indian Affairs' tribal priority allocations, 11 a.m., SD-562.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 26, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings schedule ahead, see pages E191-94 in today's Record.

House Chamber

Monday, the House was not in session.

Tuesday, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 2:00 p.m. for consideration of 10 Suspensions:

(1) H.R. 429, NATO Special Immigrant Amendments of 1997;

(2) H.R. 3116, Examination Parity and Year 2000 Readiness for Financial Institutions Act;

(3) H. Res. —, Regarding S. 1150, Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1997;

(4) H.R. 3120, Designating the Howard C. Nielson Post Office Building;

(5) H.R. 2766, Designating the Karl Bernal Post Office Building;

(6) S. 916, Designating the Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building;

(7) H.R. 2836, Designating the Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office Building;

(8) H.R. 2773, Designating the Daniel J. Doffyn Post Office Building;

(9) S. 985, Designating the Larry Doby Post Office; and

(10) H.R. 424, Providing for Increased Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Criminals Possessing Firearms.

NOTE: No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday, Consideration of H.R. 2181, Witness Protection and Interstate Relocation Act of 1997 (Subject to Rule);

Consideration of H.R. 1544, Federal Agency Compliance Act (Subject to Rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2460, Wireless Telephone Protection Act (Subject to Rule).

Friday, No recorded votes are expected.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, February 26, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review livestock, dairy, and poultry trade between the United States, Australia, and New Zealand, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, February 24, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

February 24, Subcommittee on Labor-Health and Human Service, Education, on Employment and Training Administration/Veterans Employment, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 24, Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on U.S. Central Command, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

February 24, Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies, on Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, 10 a.m., and on the National Credit Union Administration, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

February 25, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FDA, 1 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Legal Services Corporation, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol, and on the Secretary of State, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Security Assistance, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

February 25, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Pension Agencies and Office of Inspector General (Labor), 10 a.m., and on the Employment Standards Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Army Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on National Security, on FY 1999, Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn, and executive, on FY 1999, Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

February 25, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Treasury Law Enforcement, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Consumer Product Safety Commission, 2:30 p.m., and on the Consumer Information Center, 3:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

February 26, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education and Economics, 1 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the Attorney General, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and on the USIA, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

February 26, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 10 a.m., and on GAO, Department of Health and Human Services oversight, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Congressional and public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on National Security, on FY 1999 Army Budget Overview, 10 a.m., and, executive, on FY 1999 Army Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

February 26, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on the IRS, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Court of Veterans Appeals, 2:30 p.m., and on the Selective Service System, 3:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, February 24, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing to review the Federal Reserve's conduct of monetary policy (Humphrey-Hawkins), 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, February 25, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection,

hearing on the tobacco settlement, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, February 24, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, hearing on Teacher Training, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to mark up the Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, February 24, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing and markup of the Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 24, Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on ways to improve the federal government's approach to research into the health concerns of Gulf War veterans, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 25 and 26, Full committee hearings on Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie's Relationship with the Democratic National Committee and the Administration, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, hearing on the following measure: Government Waste, Fraud, and Error Reduction Act of 1998; H.R. 2347, Federal Benefit Verification and Integrity Act; and H.R. 2063, Debt Collection Wage Information Act of 1997; 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, February 26 to continue hearings on Campaign Reform, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, February 24, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Annual Oversight of Refugee Programs, Policies, and Budget, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 25, full Committee, hearing on U.S. Options in Confronting Iraq, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Multilateral Agreement on Investment: Win, Lose or Draw for the U.S., 1:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to mark up H. Res. 364, urging introduction and passage of a resolution on the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China at the 54th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights; followed by a hearing on the Peruvian Population Control Program, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 26, full Committee, hearing on U.S. Narcotics Policy Toward Colombia, 11 a.m., Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Asian and the Pacific, hearing on Shattered Dream, the Uncertain State of Democracy in Cambodia, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 25, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to mark up H.R. 1704, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act; followed by an oversight hearing on the U.S. Department of Justice's Executive Office for U.S. Attorney, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and Executive Office for U.S. Trustees, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing regarding the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 3206, Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1998, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Administrative Taxation: The FCC's Universal Service Tax, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing regarding the need for federal protection of religious freedom after *Boerne v. Flores*, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2696, Vessel Hull Design Protection Act; H.R. 2294, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1997; H.R. 2281, WIPO Copyright Treaties Implementation Act; and H.R. 3209, the Online Copyright Infringement Liability Limitation Act, 10 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Committee on the National Security, February 24, and 25, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearings on depot issues, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn on February 24, and 8 a.m., 2216 Rayburn on February 25.

February 25, full Committee, executive, a threat assessment briefing from the intelligence community, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Military Installations & Facilities, hearing on FY 1999 budget request for military construction and military family housing of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the status and effectiveness of the TRICARE program, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on Department of Defense Modernization for FY 1999, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, February, 24, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2223, Education Land Grant Act; H.R. 1728, National Park Service Administrative Amendment of 1997; and H.R. 2993, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 25, full Committee, on the following bills: H.R. 2756, Kake Tribal Corporation Land Exchange Act; H.R. 2812, Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition Act; H.R. 2924, to amend the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for selection of lands by certain veterans of the Vietnam era and by the Elim Native Corporation; H.R. 3087, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to grant an easement to Chugranch Alaska Corporation; and H.R. 3088, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 25, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the Administration's Forest Service Roadless Area Moratorium, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

February 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Administration's FY 1999 budget request for three agencies within the Department of the Interior: Office of Surface Mining, Minerals Management Service, and the Energy and Minerals programs of the Bureau of Land Management, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 26, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA, and National Marine Service FY 1999 Budget request, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

February 26, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Fee Demonstration Programs—Successes and Failures, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, February, 24, to consider the following: H.R. 2181, Witness Protection and Interstate Relocation Act of 1997; and H.R. 1544, Federal Agency Compliance Act, 3 p.m., B-312 Capitol.

February 25, to consider H.R. 2460, Wireless Telephone Protection Act, 3 p.m., H-312 the Capitol.

Committee on Science, February 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment hearing on the following: Department of Energy FY 1999 Budget Authorization Request; H.R. 1806, to provide for the consolidation of the Office of Fossil Energy and the Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency of the Department of Energy; and S. 965, to amend title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 to extend an authorization contained therein, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, oversight hearing on FY 1999 Budget Request: The Sciences at NASA, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Technology, oversight hearing on the FY 1999 Administration Request for the Technology Administration and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 25, hearing on Reducing America's Small Business Tax Burden, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 25 and 26, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearings on GSA FY 1999 Budget, and related issues, 10:30 a.m., on February 25 and 9 a.m., on February 26, 2253 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Issues related to Stolen Airline Ticket Stocks from Travel Agents, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, February 24, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3039, Veterans' Transitional Housing Opportunities Act of 1997, and H.R. 3211, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for burial at Arlington National Cemetery, 10:30 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 24, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the Treasury Department Report on Innocent Spouse Relief, 2 p.m., B-318.

February 24, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Asia Trade Issues, 11 a.m., to 1100 Longworth.

February 25, full committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3130, Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998; and H.R. 1432, African Growth and Opportunity Act, 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the revenue provisions in the Administration's FY 1999 Budget, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 26, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Assessing Health Care Quality, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 26, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, February 25, executive, briefing on Budget Overview, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: February 24, to hold hearings to examine the performance of the International Monetary Fund, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon Building.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the potential for economic terrorist attacks, focusing on the use of radio frequency weapons, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Joint hearing: February 26, Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Jewish War Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Blinded Veterans Association, and the Veterans of World War I, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the recognition of four Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), the Senate will continue consideration of S. 1663, regarding campaign finance reform.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 24

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 2:00 p.m. for consideration of 10 Suspensions:

(1) H.R. 429, NATO Special Immigrant Amendments of 1997;

(2) H.R. 3116, Examination Parity and Year 2000 Readiness for Financial Institutions Act;

(3) H. Res. ____, Regarding S. 1150, Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1997;

(4) H.R. 3120, Designating the Howard C. Nielson Post Office Building;

(5) H.R. 2766, Designating the Karl Bernal Post Office Building;

(6) S. 916, Designating the Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building;

(7) H.R. 2836, Designating the Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office Building;

(8) H.R. 2773, Designating the Daniel J. Doffyn Post Office Building;

(9) S. 985, Designating the Larry Doby Post Office; and

(10) H.R. 424, Providing for Increased Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Criminals Possessing Firearms.

NOTE: No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.



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