

Monday, March 2, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1694-1697, S. Res. 187, and S. Con. Res. 78. **Page S1200**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1579, to amend the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to extend the authorizations of appropriations for such Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-166) **Page S1200**

ISTEA Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676). **Pages S1189-93, S1197-98**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Tuesday, March 3, 1998.

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

Transmitting the report of the 1998 Trade Policy Agenda and 1997 annual report on the Trade Agreements Program; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-101). **Page S1200**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 81 yeas (Vote No. 18 EX), Richard L. Young, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana. **Pages S1198-99, S1212**

42 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

14 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

21 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S1210-13**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—18) **Page S1199**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 3, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1211-12.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings to examine the current situation in Iraq and whether Saddam Hussein can be forced out of power, receiving testimony from R. James Woolsey, former Director of Central Intelligence; Ahmed Chalabi, Iraqi National Congress, London, England; and Zalmay Khalilzad, Rand Corporation, and Richard N. Haass, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 3301–3302; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 374–375, were introduced. Page H691

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on February 27, H.R. 3130, to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, and to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements, amended (H. Rept. 105–422); and

H.R. 1432, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa, amended (H. Rept. 105–423 Part 1 and H. Rept. 105–423 Part 2). Page H691

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Coble to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H683

John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Pickering to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development. Page H683

Presidential Message—Trade Policy: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his 1998 Trade Policy Agenda and 1997 annual Report on the Trade Agreement's Program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Page H689

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H683.

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

Adjournment: Met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held a hearing on the following measures: 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.

Testimony was heard from G. Edward DeSeve, Acting Deputy Director, Management, OMB; Don Hammond, Acting Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; David Longaknecker, Assistant Secretary, Postsecondary Education, Department of Education; Karen Lee, Acting Inspector General, SBA and Chairman of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency, Ad Hoc Committee on Benefit Eligibility Verification; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Energy, focusing on defense programs, 9:30 a.m., SD–116.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Rural Utilities Service, Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Center, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for Army and Defense programs, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., S–146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed legislation making supplemental appropriations for the International Monetary Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold open and closed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the seapower threat-based requirement, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 1405, to provide for improved monetary policy and regulatory reform in financial institution

management and activities, to streamline financial regulatory agency action, and to provide for improved consumer credit disclosure, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, 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, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, business meeting, to consider amendments to S. 1173, authorizing funds for construction of highways, for highway safety, and for mass transit programs (ISTEA) (pending in Senate), 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to consider the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, and to mark up S. Res. 174, to state the sense of the Senate that Thailand is a key partner and friend of the United States, has committed itself to executing its responsibilities under its arrangements with the International Monetary Fund, and that the United States should be prepared to ensure continued close bilateral relations, and H.R. 1116, to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the U.S. in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine market power and structural change in the software industry, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to examine the United States' response to infectious diseases, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

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

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E254-57 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review legislation to reform information technology procurement at the USDA to ensure year 2000 compliance; and to mark up H.R. 3280, USDA Year 2000 Compliance Enhancement Act, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

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

Subcommittee on Interior, on Congressional and public witnesses (Natural Resources), 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Inspector General, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Navy Construction, 1:30 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on U.S. Special Operations Command, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on the Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies, on FEMA, 9 a.m., and 12 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on the Future Direction of the EEOC, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, to mark up the following: 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; and H.R. 2883, Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H.R. 1704, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act; H.J. Res. 78, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding religious freedom; H.R. 3117, Civil Rights Commission Act of 1998; H.R. 2589, Copyright Term Extension Act; H.R. 2294, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1997; H.R. 2696, Vessel Hull Design Protection Act; H.R. 1252, Judiciary Reform Act of 1997; H. Res. 372, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive drug and should not be legalized for medicinal use; H.R. 118, Traffic Stops Statistics Act of 1997; and Committee Budget Views and Estimates; and to consider other pending Committee business, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation, hearing on the resale system and CBO report implications, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1999 budget request for the military construction and military family housing programs of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 2973, Sportfishing and Boating Improvement Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to a full self government for Puerto Rico, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the SBA's fiscal year 1999 Budget and their annual performance plan, 3 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on reports regarding Medicare payment policies, 12 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

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

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 27 through February 28, 1998

| | <i>Senate</i> | <i>House</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Days in session | 17 | 10 | .. |
| Time in session | 117 hrs., 41' | 70 hrs., 15' | .. |
| Congressional Record: | | | |
| Pages of proceedings | 1176 | 682 | .. |
| Extensions of Remarks | .. | 250 | .. |
| Public bills enacted into law | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Private bills enacted into law | .. | .. | .. |
| Bills in conference | 1 | 2 | .. |
| Measures passed, total | 15 | 44 | 59 |
| Senate bills | 1 | 7 | .. |
| House bills | 1 | 13 | .. |
| Senate joint resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| House joint resolutions | .. | 1 | .. |
| Senate concurrent resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| House concurrent resolutions | 1 | 2 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 12 | 21 | .. |
| Measures reported, total | 11 | 15 | 26 |
| Senate bills | 8 | .. | .. |
| House bills | 1 | 6 | .. |
| Senate joint resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| House joint resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| Senate concurrent resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| House concurrent resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 2 | 9 | .. |
| Special reports | 1 | .. | .. |
| Conference reports | .. | .. | .. |
| Measures pending on calendar | 125 | 37 | .. |
| Measures introduced, total | 158 | 287 | 445 |
| Bills | 126 | 212 | .. |
| Joint resolutions | 2 | 6 | .. |
| Concurrent resolutions | 7 | 30 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 23 | 39 | .. |
| Quorum calls | 1 | 2 | .. |
| Yea-and-nay votes | 17 | 17 | .. |
| Recorded votes | .. | 6 | .. |
| Bills vetoed | .. | .. | .. |
| Vetoes overridden | 1 | 1 | .. |

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 27 through February 28, 1998

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| Civilian nominations totaling 182, (including 124 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | | |
| Confirmed | 18 | |
| Unconfirmed | 158 | |
| Withdrawn | 6 | |
| Civilian nominations (FS, PHS, CG, NOAA) totaling 148, (including 86 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | | |
| Unconfirmed | 148 | |
| Air Force nominations, totaling 1,398, (including 21 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | | |
| Unconfirmed | 1,398 | |
| Army nominations, totaling 742, (including 2 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | | |
| Confirmed | 2 | |
| Unconfirmed | 740 | |
| Navy nominations, totaling 72, (including 2 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | | |
| Unconfirmed | 72 | |
| Marine Corps nominations, totaling 861, disposed of as follows: | | |
| Unconfirmed | 861 | |
| <i>Summary</i> | | |
| Total nominations carried over from the First Session | 237 | |
| Total nominations received this session | 3,166 | |
| Total confirmed | 22 | |
| Total unconfirmed | 3,375 | |
| Total withdrawn | 6 | |

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 7 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 15 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the recognition of three Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1173, ISTEPA Authorization.

(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, March 3

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of 2 Suspensions: (1) H.R. 217, Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act; and

(2) H.R. 613, Designating the Sam Nunn Federal Center.

NOTE: The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2:00 p.m. for legislative business. No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.

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