

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1215-S1295

Measures Introduced: Six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1698-1703, S.J. Res. 42 and 43, and S. Res. 188-190 **Page S1255**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: H.R. 1116, to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District.

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 take appropriate steps to ensure continued close bilateral relations.

S. Con. Res. 60, expressing the sense of Congress in support of efforts to foster friendship and cooperation between the United States and Mongolia.

S. Con. Res. 78, relating to the indictment and prosecution of Saddam Hussein for war crimes and other crimes against humanity. **Page S1255**

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), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S1217-49**

Adopted:

McCain/Hollings Amendment No. 1680 (to Amendment No. 1676), to improve travel safety on roads and waterways, promote the safe shipment of hazardous materials, advance pipeline transportation safety, and ensure that the commercial motor vehicle fleet is well maintained and operated. **Pages S1225-29**

Kempthorne Amendment No. 1681 (to Amendment No. 1676), to improve the protection given by air bags and reduce the risks from air bags. **Pages S1229-32**

Rejected:

Wellstone Amendment No. 1679 (to Amendment No. 1676), to require a report on the number of

former recipients of public assistance under the State temporary assistance to needy families programs that are economically self-sufficient. (By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 19), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1217-25, S1234-36**

Pending:

Lautenberg Amendment No.1682 (to Amendment No. 1676), to prohibit the possession of any open alcoholic beverage container, or the consumption of any alcoholic beverage, in the passenger area of a vehicle on a public highway. **Pages S1237-49**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the pending amendment on Wednesday, March 4, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon. **Pages S1236-37**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Wednesday, March 4, 1998.

Appointments:

Amtrak Reform Council: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-134, announced the appointment of Donald R. Sweitzer, of Virginia, to serve as a member of the Amtrak Reform Council. **Page S1294**

National Summit on Retirement Income Savings: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-92, appointed numerous individuals as participants in the 1998 National Summit on Retirement Income Savings. **Page S1294**

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

Transmitting the report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee for the period February 1, 1996 through January 31, 1998; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-102). **Page S1254**

Transmitting the report of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for calendar year 1996; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-103). **Page S1254**

Transmitting a report entitled "1998 National Drug Control Strategy"; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM-104). **Pages S1254-55**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thelma J. Askey, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 16, 2000.

Jennifer Anne Hillman, of Indiana, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2006.

Stephen Koplan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2005.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—19) Page S1236

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 4, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1294.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for rural programs of the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony from Jill Long Thompson, Under Secretary for Rural Development, Wally Beyer, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Jan E. Shadburn, Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Dayton J. Watkins, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and Robert Armstrong, Executive Director, Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 10.

APPROPRIATIONS—FBI/DEA/INS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Justice, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, all of the Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—DOE DEFENSE PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for Department of Energy defense programs, receiving testimony from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Defense Programs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 10.

APPROPRIATIONS—IMF SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 for the International Monetary Fund, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary, and Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury; and Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 17.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for Army and defense agency military construction programs, receiving testimony from Alma B. Moore, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Logistics & Environment); Brig. Gen. Gary W. Heckman, Director, Center for Command Support, U.S. Special Operations Command; Frederick N. Baillie, Executive Director, Resource, Planning and Performance Directorate, Defense Logistics Support Command, Defense Logistics Agency; Carolyn H. Becraft, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Personnel Support, Families and Education), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness); and Rear Adm. Tom Carrato, USN, Chief Operating Officer, TRICARE Management Activity.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 10.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings in open and closed sessions 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, receiving testimony from Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command; Gen. John H. Tilelli, USA, Commander in Chief, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command Korea, and Commander, U.S. Forces Korea; and Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, March 5.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower held 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 force requirement, receiving testimony from Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Richard I. Neal, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 10.

FINANCIAL REGULATORY RELIEF

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 1405, to provide for improved monetary policy and regulatory reform in financial institution management and activities, to streamline financial regulatory agency actions, and to provide for improved consumer credit disclosure, receiving testimony from Laurence H. Meyer, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Rex Hammock, Hammock Publishing, Nashville, Tennessee, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Cornelius D. Mahoney, Woronoco Savings Bank, Westfield, Massachusetts, on behalf of the America's Community Bankers; and Edward E. Furash, Furash & Company, Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 10.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed 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, focusing on proposed restrictions on the advertising, marketing and sale of tobacco products, receiving testimony from Senator Mack; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Michael P. Eriksen, Director, Office on Smoking and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Matthew L. Myers, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids/National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, and David C. Vladeck, Public Citizen Litigation Group, both of Washington, D.C.; Richard A. Daynard, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts; David S. Versfelt, Donovan, Leisure, Newton & Irvine, New York, New York, on behalf of the Freedom to Advertise Coalition; and Martin Redish, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 5.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, and James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, both of the Department of Agriculture, who were accompanied by several of their associates.

ISTEA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee met and approved an amendment to be offered as a floor amendment to the modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676) to S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs (pending before the Senate).

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic. (These Protocols were opened for signature at Brussels on December 16, 1997, and signed on behalf of the United States and other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty (Treaty Doc. 105-36);

S. Con. Res. 60, expressing the sense of Congress in support of efforts to foster friendship and cooperation between the United States and Mongolia;

S. Con. Res. 78, relating to the indictment and prosecution of Saddam Hussein for war crimes and other crimes against humanity;

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;

H.R. 1116, to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District; and

The nominations 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, and three Foreign Service Officer promotion lists.

SOFTWARE INDUSTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the state of competition in the computer software industry, focusing on market power and structural change in the software industry and the role of antitrust laws in high-technology industries, receiving testimony from Bill Gates, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Scott McNealy, Sun Microsystems, Inc., Palo Alto, California; James Barksdale, Netscape Communications Corporation,

Mountain View, California; Michael Dell, Dell Computer Corporation, Round Rock, Texas; Douglas J. Burgum, Great Plains Software, Fargo, North Dakota; and Stewart Alsop II, New Enterprise Associates, Menlo Park, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety concluded hearings to examine how certain infectious diseases are a continuing threat to the health of United States citizens and of people around the world and the United States response to promote the international effort to combat emerging diseases, after receiving testimony from David Satcher, Assistant Secretary for Health/U.S. Surgeon General, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, and Stephen Blount, Associate Director for Global Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; David Brandling-Bennett, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization, Washington, D.C.; Fredia S. Wadley, Tennessee Department of Health, Nashville; Joan Baumbach, New Mexico Department of Health, Las Cruces; Herbert A. Pigman, Rotary International, Evanston, Illinois; and Christopher J.L. Murray, Harvard University School of Public Health, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3303–3316; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 231–232, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 217, to amend title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to consolidate the Federal programs for housing assistance for the homeless into a block grant program that ensures that States and communities are provided sufficient flexibility to use assistance amounts effectively (H. Rept. 105–407 Part 2);

H.R. 992, to end the Tucker Act shuffle, amended (H. Rept. 105–424);

H.R. 2369, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, amended (H. Rept. 105–425); and

H. Res. 376, providing for consideration of H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico (H. Rept. 105–426). Page H754

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:22 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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

Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act: H.R. 217, amended, to amend title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to consolidate the Federal programs for housing assistance for the homeless into a block grant program that ensures that States and communities are provided sufficient flexibility to use assistance

amounts effectively (passed by a yea and nay vote of 386 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 26),

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Sam Nunn Federal Center: H.R. 613, to designate the Federal building located at 100 Alabama Street NW, in Atlanta, Georgia, as the “Sam Nunn Federal Center” and agreed to amend the title. Subsequently, the House passed S. 347, a similar Senate-passed bill, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of H.R. 613. Agreed to amend the title; and H.R. 613 was laid on the table.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:17 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Housing and Urban Development: Message wherein he transmitted the 32nd Annual Report of the Department of Housing and Urban Development which covers calendar year 1996—referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services;

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Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee: Message wherein he transmitted the Seventh Biennial Report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee—referred to the Committee on Science; and

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National Drug Control Strategy: Message wherein he transmitted the 1998 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans’ Affairs, and Ways and Means.

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National Summit on Retirement Savings: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following participants on the part of the House to the National Summit on Retirement Savings: Representative Fawell, Ms. Meredith Bagby of New York, Mr. James E. Bayne of Texas, Mr. Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. of South Carolina, Ms. Joyce Campbell of Washington, D.C., Ms. Hilda Cannon of Georgia, Mr. Christopher W. Clement of Arizona, Mr. Benjamin Tanner Domenech of Virginia, Mr. Clinton A. Demetriou of Georgia, Mr. Pete duPont of Delaware, Mr. Adam Dubitsky of Washington, D.C., Ms. Lynn D. Dudley of Washington, D.C., Mr. Ric Edelman of Virginia, Mr. John N. Erlenborn of Maryland, Ms. Shannon Evans of Nevada, Mr. Peter J. Ferrara of Virginia, Mr. Ray Gaydos of Washington, D.C., Mr. Craig Gholston of Texas, Mr. Arthur Glatfelter of Pennsylvania, Mr. Dylan Glenn of Georgia, Mr.

James T. Gordon of Georgia, Mr. Brian H. Graff of Virginia, Mr. Matthew Greenwald of Washington, D.C., Mr. Brent R. Harris of California, Mr. Donald K. Hill of Georgia, Ms. Amy M. Holmes of Washington, D.C., Ms. Karen A. Jordan of Alaska, Mr. John Kimpel of Massachusetts, Mrs. Beth Kobliner of New York, Mr. Gerald Letendre of New Hampshire, Mr. Ronald Lyons of Ohio, Mrs. Patricia De L. Marvil of Virginia, Mr. Philip Matthews of Connecticut, Mr. Thomas J. McNerney of Connecticut, Mr. Kevin M. McRaith of Minnesota, Ms. Rita D. Metras of New York, Ms. Lena Moore of Washington, D.C., Ms. Dana Muir of Michigan, Ms. Heather Nauert of Washington, D.C., Mr. Jeffrey M. Pollock of New Hampshire, Ms. Pati Robinson of Washington, Ms. Andrea Batista Schlesinger of New York, Mr. Eugene Schweikert of South Carolina, Mr. Charles Schwab of California, Ms. Victoria L. Swaja of Arizona, Mr. Richard Thau of New York, Ms. Sandra R. Turner of Florida, Mrs. Sunny Warren of Georgia, Mr. Albert Zapanta of Virginia, and Mr. Roger Zion of Indiana.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H730–31. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3280, USDA Year 2000 Compliance Enhancement Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from Representative Latham; Anne Thomson Reed, Chief Information Officer, USDA; and Joel Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information System, Accountant and Information Management Division, GAO.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Rural Development. Testimony was heard from Jill Long Thompson, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings with emphasis on Natural Resources. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Inspector General. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Health and Human Services: Donna E. Shalala, Secretary; and Nelba Chavez, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Navy Construction. Testimony was heard from Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Special Operations Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Special Operations Command.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Secretary of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on FEMA. Testimony was heard from James Lee Witt, Director, FEMA.

EEOC—FUTURE DIRECTION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on the Future Direction of the EEOC. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; Paul Igasaki, Acting Chairman, EEOC; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology began markup of H.R. 2883, Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 2294, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1997; and H.R. 2696, Vessel Hull Design Protection Act.

The Committee approved the Committee's Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

RESALE SYSTEM AND CBO REPORT IMPLICATIONS

Committee on National Security: Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation held a hearing on the resale system and CBO report implications. Testimony was heard from Deborah Clay-Mendez, Acting Deputy Assistant Director, CBO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rudy de Leon, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Maj. Gen. Richard E. Beale, Jr., (Ret.), Director, Defense Commissary Agency; Maj. Gen. Allen D. Bungler, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Rear Adm. Paul Soderberg, USN, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; and Mike Tharrington, Director, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and public witnesses.

DOD—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING BUDGET REQUESTS

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1999 budget request for the military construction and military family housing programs of the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Navy (Installations and Facilities); Rear Adm. David J. Nash, USN, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Brig. Gen. James M. Hayes, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics (Facilities), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Rear Adm. John B. Totushek, USN, Deputy Director, Naval Reserve; Jimmy G.

Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force (Installations); Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia, USAF, The Civil Engineer, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver, Jr., USAF, Director, Air National Guard; and Brig. Gen. Ralph S. Clemm, USAF, Deputy to the Chief, Office of Air Forces Reserve.

SPORTFISHING AND BOATING IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 2973, Sportfishing and Boating Improvement Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representative Tanner; Dan Ashe, Assistant Director, External Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

PUERTO RICO—FULL SELF GOVERNMENT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 90 minutes of general debate on H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to a full self government for Puerto Rico, equally divided and controlled by Representative Young (AK), Representative Miller (CA), Representative Solomon, and Representative Gutierrez or their designees. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1, which shall be considered as read. The rule waives clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in a legislative bill) against the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule provides for the consideration, before any other amendment, of amendment numbered 3, printed in the Congressional Record, which is debatable for 1 hour equally divided between Representative Serrano and an opponent. The rule provides for the consideration of amendment numbered 2, printed in the Congressional Record, which is debatable for 30 minutes equally divided between Representative Serrano and an opponent. The rule provides that amendments numbered 3 and 2 shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole, and that consideration of those amendments, and all amendments thereto, shall not exceed one hour.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young; and Rep-

resentatives Rohrabacher, Barr of Georgia, Miller of California, Romero-Barcelo, Serrano and Gutierrez.

SBA'S BUDGET—ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the SBA's fiscal year 1999 Budget and their annual performance plan. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA.

REPORTS—MEDICARE PAYMENT POLICIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on reports regarding Medicare payment policies. Testimony was heard from Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, after receiving testimony from John E. Moon, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to hold hearings to examine military transformation initiatives, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings on the ongoing competitions to determine the dispositions workloads currently performed at Sacramento and San Antonio Air Logistics Centers, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Personnel, 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 recruiting and retention policies, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, 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 policies of the industrial and technology base supporting national defense, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the World Trade Organization film case and its ramifications for United States-Japan relations, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to review the national drug control strategy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings on the implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, focusing on section 271, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information to hold joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intelligence, to examine the threat posed by the use of biological weapons by terrorists, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings on S. 1578, to make available on the Internet, for the purposes of access and retrieval by the public, certain information available through the Congressional Research Service web site, and on the fiscal year 1999 budget request for the operation of the Library of Congress, and on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the American Folklife Center, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to examine the threat posed by the use of biological weapons by terrorists, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to mark up H.R. 2515, Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

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

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Federal Judiciary, 10 a.m., and on the SBA, H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on the Secretary of State, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Public Witnesses (Energy Programs), 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Health Resources and Services Administration 10 a.m., and on the Health Care Financing Administration and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on Ballistic Missile Defense, 10 a.m., and, executive, on the U.S. Pacific Command/U.S. Forces Korea, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on the Federal Highway Administration and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Departmental Offices; and the Treasury Inspector General, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on the Corporation for National and Community Service, 10 a.m., and 2:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing to Review the Proposed Rules Regarding the Management of Federal Agency Payments through the Use of Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT), 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the Kyoto Protocol and Its Economic Implications, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 1872, Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act of 1997, 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning, to mark up H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, executive, hearing on the activities of China and other countries to influence U.S. policies and elections, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, to continue mark up of H.R. 2883, Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997, 3:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on H.R. 2870, Tropical Forest Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to Cuba, an assessment of its impact on religious freedom in Cuba to be followed by a markup on the following measures: H. Con. Res. 222, expressing the sense of Congress, congratulating the former International Support and Verification Commission of the Organization of American States (OAS-CIAV) for successfully aiding in the transition of Nicaragua from a war-ridden state into a newly formed democracy and providing continued support through the recently created Technical Cooperation Mission (OAS-TCM) which is responsible for helping to stabilize Nicaraguan democracy by supplementing institution building, and H. Con. Res. 215, congratulating the people of Cooperative Republic of Guyana for holding multiparty elections, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to markup the following measures: 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. 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; and H.R. 118, Traffic Stops Statistics Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Administration's FY 1999 budget request for the U.S. Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

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