

Tuesday, March 10, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1665–S1713

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1733–1740, S. Con. Res. 82–83, and S. Res. 194–195. **Page S1697**

Report of a Committee: Reports were made as follows:

Final Report entitled “Investigation of Illegal or Improper Activities in Connection With 1996 Federal Election Campaigns”. (S. Rept. No. 105–167)

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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 S1665–80, S1682–96**

Adopted:

By 96 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 25), D’Amato Modified Amendment No. 1931 (to Amendment No. 1676), to reauthorize the mass transit programs of the Federal Government. **Pages S1665–80, S1682–92**

Allard-Grams Amendment No. 1940 (to Amendment No. 1931), to make the Fixed Guideway Program more equitable. **Pages S1678–79**

Specter Amendment No. 1941 (to Amendment No. 1931), to make reverse commute project grants eligible for assistance under the job access grants program. **Pages S1682–84**

Thomas/Johnson Amendment No. 1942 (to Amendment No. 1931), to increase funding for assistance for areas other than urbanized areas. **Page S1686**

D’Amato (for Nickles) Amendment No. 1943 (to Amendment No. 1931), to permit States to use assistance under the mass transit account of the Highway Trust Fund for capital improvements to, and operating support for, intercity passenger rail service. **Pages S1688–89**

Reed (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1944 (to Amendment No. 1931), relating to capital projects and small area flexibility. **Page S1689**

Graham/Murray Amendment No. 1945 (to Amendment No. 1931), relating to criteria for grants and loans for Fixed Guideway Systems. **Pages S1689–90**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, March 11, 1998.

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

Transmitting the report entitled “The 1996 Annual Report on Alaska’s Mineral Resources”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (PM–108). **Pages S1696–97**

Transmitting the report concerning Federal agency climate change programs and activities; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–109). **Page S1697**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations: Brian Scott Roy, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years. **Page S1713**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Shirley Elizabeth Barnes, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar.

Charles Richard Stith, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania.

William Lacy Swing, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

3 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S1713**

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

Tracy D. Conwell, of Texas, to be Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001, which was sent to the Senate on February 11, 1997. **Page S1713**

Messages From the President: **Pages S1696–97**

Messages From the House: **Page S1697**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S1697–S1702**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S1702**

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Authority for Committees: Page S1709

Additional Statements: Pages S1709–13

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—25) Pages S1691–92

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, March 11, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S1713.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current Federal crop insurance program and proposals to improve the system, after receiving testimony from Representatives Pomeroy and Collin Peterson; Dallas R. Smith, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, on behalf of the Risk Management Agency; Ernest L. Ross, American Association of Crop Insurers, Washington, D.C.; Robert E. Fulwider, West Liberty, Iowa, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents of America and the National Association of Crop Insurance Agents; Dee Vaughan, Lone Star Corn Growers Association, Dumas, Texas, on behalf of the National Corn Growers Association and the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Phil Cyre, South Dakota Farmers Union, Hazel, South Dakota, on behalf of the National Farmers Union.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for military construction programs, focusing on Air Force and Navy projects, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment); Rear Adm. David Nash, Chief, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Brig. Gen. James M. Hayes, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics (Facilities), United States Marine Corps; Rear Adm. John B. Totushek, Deputy Director of Naval Reserve; Rodney A. Coleman, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment); Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia, Civil Engineer, Deputy Chief of Air Force Staff, Installations and Logistics; Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver, Director,

Air National Guard; and Brig. Gen. Ralph S. Clem, Deputy to the Chief of Air Force Reserve.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony from Shirley R. Watkins, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Yvette Jackson, Administrator, and Ronald J. Vogel, Associate Deputy Administrator, Special Nutrition Programs, both of the Food and Nutrition Service, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director, Budget, Legislation, and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 17.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY ON THE INTERNET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary and Related Agencies concluded hearings to review the progress of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on-line investigation into the scope of child pornography and sexual exploitation of children on the Internet and to examine whether additional funding is necessary to continue the project, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Ernest E. Allen, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Arlington, Virginia.

APPROPRIATIONS—DOE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Energy, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Energy Research, both of the Department of Energy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 26.

APPROPRIATIONS—HHS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Health and Human Services, receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 18.

MEDICARE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings to examine the status of the Health Care Financing Administration's efforts to establish resource-based practice expenses under the Medicare physician fee schedule as directed by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, receiving testimony from Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Neil H. Brooks, Rockville, Connecticut, on behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians; Arthur L. Day, University of Florida, Gainesville, on behalf of the Practice Expense Coalition; Timothy J. Gardner, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, on behalf of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and the American Association for Thoracic Surgery; and Alan R. Nelson, American Society of Internal Medicine, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

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 littoral warfare missions in the 21st century, receiving testimony from Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources; Major Gen. Edward Hanlon, Jr., USMC, Director Expeditionary Warfare; Rear Adm. Daniel J. Murphy, Jr., USN, Director, Surface Warfare; Rear Adm. Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, Director, Submarine Warfare; and Rear Adm. Dennis V. McGinn, USN, Director, Air Warfare.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 17.

FINANCIAL REGULATORY RELIEF

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Laurence H. Meyer, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, and Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Andrew C. Hove, Jr., Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Utah Commissioner of Financial Institutions G. Edward Leary, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Stephen A. Yoder,

AmSouth Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; E. Lee Beard, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Hazleton, Hazleton, Pennsylvania; and Joseph S. Bracewell, Century National Bank, on behalf of the Independent Bankers Association of America, Margot Saunders, National Consumer Law Center, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, and Frank C. Torres, III, Consumers Union, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Orson Swindle, of Hawaii, and Mozelle Willmont Thompson, of New York, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner; Robert J. Shapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, John Charles Horsley, of Washington, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and Christy Carpenter, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Swindle was introduced by Senators Inouye and Akaka, Mr. Thompson was introduced by Representative Nadler, Ms. Carpenter was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Boxer, Mr. Horsley was introduced by Senators Gorton and Murray and Representative Dicks, and Mr. Shapiro was introduced by Senators Lieberman and Moynihan.

MONTAGNARD PEOPLE IN VIETNAM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current situation confronting the Montagnard people in Vietnam, including their limited access to medical care and education, focusing on the United States historical relationship with the Montagnards, and immigration difficulties experienced by the Montagnards and other Vietnamese refugees, after receiving testimony from Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Julia Taft, Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees, and Migration, both of the Department of State; John F. Sommer, Jr., American Legion, Washington, D.C.; Nguyen Dinh Thang, Boat People S.O.S., Fairfax, Virginia; Rong Nay, Montagnard Foundation, Inc., Cary, North Carolina; and Y Hin Nie, Montagnard Dega Association, Inc., Greensboro, North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 981, to provide for the analysis of regulatory rules by Federal agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1364, to eliminate unnecessary and wasteful Federal reports, with an amendment.

U.S. MARSHALS SELECTION PROCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the need to develop a competitive selection process for the United States Marshals Service, and a related measure H.R. 927, to provide

for appointment of United States Marshals by the U.S. Attorney General, after receiving testimony from Eduardo Gonzalez, Director, Henry E. Hudson, former Director, and Nancy J. McGillivray-Shaffer, United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts, Boston, all of the United States Marshals Service, Department of Justice; Victor Oboyski, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, East Northport, New York; and Steve Young, Fraternal Order of Police, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 3409–3432; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 239, were introduced. Pages H1020–21

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2883, to amend provisions of law enacted by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 to improve Federal agency strategic plans and performance reports, amended (H. Rept. 105–429);

H. Res. 382, providing for consideration of H.R. 992, to end the Tucker Act shuffle (H. Rept. 105–430);

H. Res. 383, providing for consideration of H.R. 1432, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa (H. Rept. 105–431); and

Conference Report on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (H. Rept. 105–432). Pages H956–H1008, H1020

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H911

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Thomas F. Gulbranson of Alexandria, Virginia. Pages H917–18

Journal: By a ye and nay vote of 365 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 40, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, March, 9. Pages H918, H925–26

Recess: The House recessed at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. and the House recessed at 2:20 and reconvened at 4:21 p.m. Page H920

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

Commemoration of the Victims of the Holocaust: H. Con. Res. 206, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 41); and Pages H920, H926–27

Birth Defects Prevention Act: S. 419, to provide surveillance, research, and services aimed at prevention of birth defects (passed by a ye and nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 42)—clearing the measure for the President. Pages H920–25, H927

Recess: The House recessed at 4:49 and reconvened at 5:00 p.m. Page H925

Appointment of Conferee: The Chair removed Representative Leach as a conferee on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and appointed Representative Burton of Indiana to fill the vacancy. Page H926

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Alaska Mineral Resources: Message wherein he transmitted the 1996 Annual Report on Alaska's Mineral Resources—referred to the Committee on Resources; and Page H1014

Climate Change Programs: Message wherein he transmitted an account of all Federal agency climate change programs and activities—referred to the Committees on Science, International Relations, and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–226). Page H1014

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H911.

Referrals: S. 1668, to encourage the disclosure to Congress of certain classified and related information was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1021–22.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H925–26, H926–27, and H927. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

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 Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary, Caren A. Wilcox, Deputy Under Secretary, Thomas J. Billy, Administrator and William West, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Management, all with the Food Safety and Inspection Service; and Stephen B. Durhurst, Budget Officer.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Federico Pena, Secretary of Energy.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Secretary of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Director, National Institutes of Health. Testimony was heard from Harold E. Varmus, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the FAA. Testimony was

heard from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on EPA. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Child Nutrition Programs. Testimony was heard from Ed Cooney, Deputy Administrator, Special Nutrition Programs, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA; Bob Robinson, Director, Issue Area, GAO; Joyce Holmes Benjamin, Associate Superintendent, Department of Education, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT INVESTIGATION—TEAMSTERS ELECTION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations began consideration of the issuance of subpoena duces tecum in the oversight investigation of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters election.

CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs implementation of the Congressional Review Act. Testimony was heard from Robert Murphy, General Counsel, GAO; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; MIDDLE EAST—DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Began markup of H. Con. Res. 277, directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Will continue tomorrow.

The Committee also held a hearing on developments in the Middle East. Testimony was heard from Martin Indyk, Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

JUDICIAL REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 1252, Judicial Reform Act of 1997.

Will continue March 24.

CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY ISSUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the consumer bankruptcy issues in H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998; H.R. 2500, Responsible Borrower Protection Bankruptcy Act; and H.R. 3146, Consumer Lenders and Borrowers Bankruptcy Accountability Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCollum, Boucher and Moran of Virginia; Edith Holan Jones, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit; Randall J. Newsome, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Northern District of California; and public witnesses.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on National Security: Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine held a hearing on the fiscal year 1999 Maritime Administration authorization request and related matters, and the fiscal year 1999 Panama Canal Commission authorization request and related matters. Testimony was heard from John F. Graykowski, Acting Maritime Administrator, Department of Transportation; Togo D. West, Jr., Chairman, Board, Panama Canal Commission and Secretary of the Army; and Alberto Aleman, Administrator, Panama Canal Commission.

MILITARY HOUSING PRIVATIZATION INITIATIVE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on the implementation of the military housing privatization initiative. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Affairs and Installations); Paul W. Jonson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Installations and Facilities); Duncan Holaday, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Navy (Installations and Facilities); and Jimmy Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force (Installations).

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development continued joint hearings on the fiscal year 1999 National Defense authorization request, with emphasis on Air Force Modernization. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. George K. Muellner, USAF, Principal Deputy, Acquisition, Department of the Air Force.

OVERSIGHT—INTERIOR COLUMBIA BASIN ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project. Testimony was heard from Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Martha Hahn, Idaho State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

AFRICA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.R. 1432, Africa Growth and Opportunity Act. The rule provides for consideration of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, as modified by the amendments printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules, as an original bill for the purpose of amendment which shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against the committee amendment for failure to comply with clause 7 of Rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments). The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides that the amendments will be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report, equally divided between a proponent and an opponent and are not subject to amendment. The rule allows 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 Gilman, Representatives Crane, Collins, Miller of Florida, Menendez, Brown of Ohio, Rangel, Spratt, Waters, Bishop and Davis of Illinois.

TUCKER ACT SHUFFLE RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 992, Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act of 1997. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the Judiciary Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which shall be considered as read. The rule provides that Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules. The rule allows 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 Representative Smith of Texas and Watt of North Carolina.

ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Basic Research Subcommittee on Technology held a joint hearing on H.R. 3007, Advancement of Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUPERFUND ACCELERATION, FAIRNESS, AND EFFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment continued markup of H.R. 2727, Superfund Acceleration, Fairness, and Efficiency Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT—PENSION ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held an oversight hearing of pension issues. Testimony was heard from David Strauss, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Navy and Marine Corps programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on environmental and military construction programs, 9 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Airland Forces, 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 land forces modernization, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years de-

fense program, focusing on the defense health program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, 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 U.S. national security space programs and policies, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings on S. 1594, to facilitate the use of electronic authentication techniques by financial institutions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, business meeting, to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 1999 budget for the Federal Government, 2 p.m., SD-608.

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, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to consider S. Res. 187, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine developments in the Middle East, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold an additional hearing on the nomination of Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (reported by Committee), 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings on S. 1301, to provide for consumer bankruptcy protection, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to mark up S. 1648, to provide for reductions in youth smoking, for advancements in tobacco-related research, and the development of safer tobacco products, and to consider the nominations of Richard M. McGahey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Ida L. Castro, of New York, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, both of the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Indian Affairs, business meeting, to mark up those provisions which fall within the committee's jurisdiction as contained in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1999 with a view towards making its recommendations to the Committee on the Budget; to be followed by an oversight hearing on sovereign immunity, focusing on contracts involving Indian tribes and alleged difficulties in collecting State retail taxes, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research, hearing to review the status of the USDA's farm loan programs, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

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

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Supreme Court, Architect of the Capitol, 10 a.m., and on the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Patent and Trademark Office and the Technology Administration, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Energy Resources, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the National Institute on Deafness and on Other Communication Disorders, 10 a.m., and on the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on Intelligence Programs, 9:30 a.m., H-409 Capitol and on FY 98 Supplemental, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK), 1 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, to continue on EPA, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing to review the Supreme Court's decision regarding the credit union common bond requirement and the appropriate Congressional response to the ruling, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3246, Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act of 1998; H.R. 2864, Occupational Safety and Health Administration Compliance Assistance Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 2877, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; H.R. 3096, to correct a provision relating to termination of benefits for convicted persons; and H. Res. 267, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the citizens of the United States must remain committed to combat the distribution, sale, and use of illegal drugs by the Nation's youth, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1704, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to continue markup of H. Con. Res. 277, directing the President pursuant to

section 5 (c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina; and to mark up the following: H.R. 2870, Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998; and H. Res. 364, urging the 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; H. Res. 361, calling for free and impartial elections in Cambodia; and the Committee's Views and Estimates on the Fiscal Year 1999 budget requests, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on H.R. 3303, Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1999, 2000, and 2001, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, hearing on the implementation of the November 1997 Defense Reform Initiative, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on mission capability rates, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

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Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of five 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, and may vote on a motion to close further debate on the modified committee amendment.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 1432, Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (structured rule, 2 hours of general debate); and
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