

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House committees ordered reported 20 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1715–S1809

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1741–1747. Page S1772

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. Res. 187, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China. Page S1772

Measures Passed:

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act: Senate passed S. 1605, to establish a matching grant program to help States, units of local government, and Indian tribes to purchase armor vests for use by law enforcement officers, after agreeing to a committee amendment. Pages S1803–07

U.S./Thailand Bilateral Relations: Senate agreed to 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, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S1807–08

Chafee (for Roth) Amendment No. 1980, relating to the relationship between the United States and Thailand. Page S1807

Chafee Amendment No. 1981, to amend the preamble. Page S1807

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 S1723–66

Adopted:

Chafee Amendment No. 1951 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide additional assistance to certain donor States. Pages S1723–24, S1728, S1762
Subsequently, the amendment was modified. Page S1762

Bond/Reid Amendment No. 1952 (to Amendment No. 1676), to express the sense of the Senate concerning the operation of certain double-trailer and triple-trailer trucks. Pages S1724–26

McCain/Hollings Amendment No. 1953 (to Amendment No. 1676), to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to implement hazardous material transportation pilot programs for certain farm service vehicles. Pages S1726–27

Abraham/Levin Amendment No. 1380 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for continuation of eligibility for the International Bridge, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Pages S1728–29

Abraham Amendment No. 1955 (to Amendment No. 1676), to improve the provisions relating to credit for acquired lands. Pages S1729–30

Brownback Amendment No. 1956 (to Amendment No. 1676), relating to trail use and management of railroad rights-of-way. Pages S1730–32, S1734

Abraham Modified Amendment No. 1911 (to Amendment No. 1676), to save lives and prevent injuries to children in motor vehicles through an improved national, State, and local child protection program. Pages S1732–34, S1740

Warner (for Hutchinson) Amendment No. 1957 (to Amendment No. 1676), to allow States to use a portion of their surface transportation funds to combat fuel tax evasion. Pages S1734–35

Warner (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1958 (to Amendment No. 1676), to allow for the application of anti-icing applications to be eligible for certain Federal aid highway funds. Page S1735

Warner (for Murkowski/Stevens) Amendment No. 1769 (to Amendment No. 1676), to repeal certain redundant transportation planning requirements. Pages S1735–36

Warner (for Specter/Moynihan/Santorum) Amendment No. 1838 (to Amendment No. 1676), to improve the magnetic levitation transportation technology deployment program. **Pages S1736, S1738**

Warner (for Campbell/Gramm) Amendment No. 1959 (to Amendment No. 1676), to establish a prohibition on lobbying activities. **Pages S1736-38**

Warner/Chafee/Baucus Amendment No. 1960 (to Amendment No. 1676), to give preference under the Interstate 4R and bridge discretionary program to States that are bordered by 2 navigable rivers that each comprise at least 10 percent of the boundary of the State. **Page S1738**

Warner (for Levin/Abraham) Amendment No. 1961 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide that a State with respect to which certain conditions are met shall be eligible for the funds made available to carry out the high density transportation program that remain after each State that meets the primary eligibility criteria for the program has received the minimum amount of funds. **Pages S1738-39**

Baucus (for Daschle) Amendment No. 1962 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide additional uses for the payment by Amtrak to non-Amtrak States. **Pages S1739-40**

Roth Amendment No. 1963 (to Amendment No. 1676), to extend for six years the existing transportation taxes and tax credits, to extend the ethanol tax exemption, to provide for a repeal of the tax on diesel fuel used by trains, and to provide for an increase in the tax exemption for employer-provided transit passes. **Pages S1741-58, S1760**

McConnell Amendment No. 1969 (to Amendment No. 1676), to allow entities and persons to comply with court orders relating to disadvantaged business enterprises and to require the Comptroller General to carry out a biennial review of the impact of complying with requirements relating to disadvantaged business enterprises. **Pages S1758-59**

Chafee (for Byrd) Amendment No. 1970 (to Amendment No. 1676), to impose certain requirements concerning the biennial infrastructure investment needs report. **Page S1760**

Chafee (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 1971 (to Amendment No. 1676), to improve highway safety by utilizing different crash cushion designs. **Page S1760**

Chafee (for Sarbanes) Amendment No. 1972 (to Amendment No. 1676), to authorize the continuance of commercial operations at the service plazas on the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway. **Page S1760**

Chafee (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 1973 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for the inclusion of the Secretary of Transportation and Federal Railroad Administrator on the Boards of Directors of the

Pennsylvania Station Redevelopment Corporation and the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation. **Page S1760**

Chafee (for McCain) Amendment No. 1974 (to Amendment No. 1676), to reduce the amounts authorized to be appropriated for motor carrier safety. **Pages S1760-61**

Chafee Amendment No. 1975 (to Amendment No. 1676), to make a technical correction. **Pages S1760-61**

Stevens Amendment No. 1976 (to Amendment No. 1676), to authorize the ferry discretionary program. **Pages S1761-62**

Warner (for Cleland) Amendment No. 1977 (to Amendment No. 1676), to add certain counties to the Appalachian region for the purposes of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. **Page S1763**

Chafee (for Stevens/Murkowski) Amendment No. 1979 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for the reconstruction of national defense highways located outside the United States. **Pages S1763-65**

Jeffords Modified Amendment No. 1716 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for the preservation of historic covered bridges in the United States. **Pages S1765-66**

Rejected:

McCain Amendment No. 1968 (to Amendment No. 1963), to prohibit extension of inequitable ethanol subsidies. (By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 27), Senate tabled the amendment. **Pages S1753-57**)

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1726 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide that demonstration projects shall be subject to any limitation on obligations established by law that applies in Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs. **Pages S1727-28, S1740-41**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 18 yeas to 80 nays (Vote No. 26), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 311(a)(2)(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Mack Amendment No. 1906 (to Amendment No. 1963), to repeal the 4.3-cent transportation motor fuels excise tax. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S1743-52**

By 96 yeas to 3 nays (Vote 28), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted

in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, March 12, 1998.

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

Transmitting the report of a Presidential Determination (98–17) relative to Vietnam; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–110).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Hilda G. Tagle, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Sam A. Lindsay, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Judith M. Barzilay, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Delissa A. Ridgway, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas Ehrlich, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of five years.

Dorothy A. Johnson, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of five years.

Alice Rae Yelen, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001.

Stephen C. Robinson, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

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

Ida L. Castro, of New York, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor, which was sent to the Senate on October 9, 1997.

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Executive Reports of Committees:

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements: Pages S1797–S1803

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total–28)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 12, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S1808.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Navy and Marine Corps programs, receiving testimony from John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 18.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland Forces held 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, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Paul J. Kern, USA, Military Deputy Director/Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition); Lt. Gen. John N. Abrams, USA, Deputy Commanding General, United States Training and Doctrine Command; Maj. Gen. Michael J. Williams, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command; and Lt. Gen. John E. Rhodes, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 25.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel 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 military health system, receiving testimony from Gary A. Christopherson, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, USA, Surgeon General of the Army; Vice Adm. Harold M. Koenig, USN, Surgeon General of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Charles E. Roadman, II, USAF,

Surgeon General of the Air Force; David J. McIntyre, Jr., TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Phoenix, Arizona; Robert E. Shields, Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; Capt. Calvin C. Dudley, USN (Ret.), Georgia Federal/Military Retiree Coalition, Royston; Cdr. Michael W. Lord, USN (Ret.), Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc., and Sydney Hickey, National Military Family Association, Alexandria, Virginia, both on behalf of the Military Coalition; Col. Charles C. Partridge, USA (Ret.), National Association for Uniformed Services, Springfield, Virginia, on behalf of the National Military and Veterans Alliance; and W. Hal Franck, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 18.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held 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, receiving testimony from Sherri W. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security; Jan B. Reitman, Staff Director, Environment and Safety, Defense Logistics Agency; Raymond J. Fatz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health; Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; Thomas W. McCall, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health; John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Industrial Affairs and Installations; Paul Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Housing; and Jimmy Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on United States national security space programs and policies, receiving testimony from Gen. Howell M. Estes, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, United States Space Command; and Keith R. Hall, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space/Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

ELECTRONIC AUTHENTICATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology concluded hearings on S. 1594, to facilitate the use of electronic authentication techniques by financial institutions, after receiving testimony from P. Michael Nugent, Citibank, New York, New York; and Ken Lieberman, VISA U.S.A., Inc., Harris Miller, ITAA, and Alfred M. Pollard, Bankers Roundtable, all of Washington, D.C.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, receiving testimony from Senators Hatch, Chafee, Baucus, Lugar, and Conrad.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 17.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 633, to adjust the boundary of the Petroglyph National Monument in New Mexico to exclude the Paseo del Norte road corridor, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1132, to modify the boundaries of the Bandelier National Monument to include the lands within the headwaters of the Upper Alamo Watershed which drain into the monument and which are not currently within the jurisdiction of a Federal land management agency, and to authorize purchase or donation of those lands, with amendments; and

S. 1069, to designate the American Discovery Trail as the first National Discovery Trail and to establish a new category within the National Trails System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Committee also completed its review of those programs which fall within the committee's jurisdiction as contained in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1999, and agreed on recommendations it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

Also, committee began markup of S. 1403, to establish a national historic lighthouse preservation program, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported S. Res. 187, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China.

MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings to examine recent developments in the Middle East, focusing on the Israel-PLO negotiating process and the role of the United States in that process, receiving testimony from Senators Kyl and Lieberman; Martin S. Indyk, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Daniel Pipes, *Middle East Quarterly*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Henry Siegman, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and Robert Satloff, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Steven Emerson, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an additional hearing on the nomination of Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (pending on Senate Executive Calendar), after the nominee testified and answered further questions in her own behalf.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings on S. 1301, to provide for consumer bankruptcy protection, focusing on certain abuses occurring under the current Bankruptcy Code, after receiving testimony from Richard M. Stana, Legislative Advisor, General Accounting Office; Lawrence A. Friedman, Friedman and Kohut, Southfield, Michigan, on behalf of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees; A. Thomas Small, Chief Bankruptcy Judge, Eastern District of North Carolina; Tahira K. Hira, Iowa State University, Ames; George J. Wallace, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, on behalf of the American Financial Services Association, Michael E. Staten, Credit Research Center/Georgetown University School of Business, and Stephen Brobeck, Consumer Federation of America, all of Washington, D.C.; William E. Brewer, Jr., Raleigh, North Carolina, on behalf of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys; Stanton Bluestone, Carson Pirie Scott & Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National Retail Federation; Brian McDonnell, National Association of Federal Credit Unions, Arlington, Virginia; Robert Elliot, Household International, Inc., Prospect Heights, Illinois; Douglas Boshkoff, Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington; Randal C. Picker, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the National Bankruptcy Conference; Deborah D. Williamson, Cox & Smith, San Antonio, Texas, on behalf of the American Bankruptcy Institute; and Matthew J. Mason, Detroit, Michigan, on behalf of

the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America and the UAW-GM Legal Services Plan.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Richard M. McGahey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Also, committee began markup of S. 1648, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to provide for reductions in youth smoking, for advancements in tobacco-related research, and the development of safer tobacco products, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, March 18.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee completed its review of those programs which fall within the committee's jurisdiction as contained in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1999, and agreed on recommendations it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

TRIBAL SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine the status of tribal sovereign immunity and the role it plays to preserve the Federal Government's protection of tribal self-government, and its impact on Indian economic development, commercial dealings and taxation, and related proposals, including S. 1691, to provide for Indian legal reform, receiving testimony from Representatives Istook and LaHood; Derril B. Jordan, Associate Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Thomas L. LeClaire, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice; Judge R.A. Randall, Minnesota State Court of Appeals, St. Paul; New York State Assembly Jeffrey Klein, Albany; Michael Harris, Michael D. Harris Law Office, Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Phillip Martin, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Philadelphia; W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; Mark A. Jarboe, Dorsey & Whitney, Minneapolis, Minnesota; John Lattaudio, J & J Mini-Markets, Alamogordo, New Mexico; Greg Love, Love's Country Stores, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America; Gregory E. Pyle, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant; David Kwaill, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Phoenix; Reid Peyton Chambers, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse & Endreson, Washington, D.C.; and Scott Morrison, Wilburton, Oklahoma.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3433–3443; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 240–241, were introduced. Pages H1111–12

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 384, providing for consideration of 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 (H. Rept. 105–433);

H. Res. 385, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany 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, and to ensure that the enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) proceeds in a manner consistent with United States interests, to strengthen relations between the United States and Russia, and to preserve the prerogatives of the Congress with respect to certain arms control agreements (H. Rept. 105–434);

H.R. 118, to provide for the collection of data on traffic stops amended (H. Rept. 105–435); and

H.R. 2696, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide for protection of certain original designs, amended (H. Rept. 105–436). Page H1111

Africa Growth and Opportunity Act: The House passed H.R. 1432, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa, by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 47. Pages H1037–84

Rejected the Bishop motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, that includes substitute language dealing with textile and apparel articles, by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 46, Pages H1077–83

Agreed To:

The Smith of Washington amendment that specifies that the President take into account whether or not a sub-Saharan African country is cooperating with the United States in efforts to eliminate slavery in Africa when determining eligibility to participate or receive benefits under the Act; Pages H1064–65

The Waters amendment that specifies that the United States-Sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum established after enactment encourage joint ventures between small and large businesses; and Pages H1070–72

The Davis of Illinois amendment that expresses the sense of the Congress that the United States Government should donate obsolete air traffic control equipment to eligible sub-Saharan African countries. Pages H1072–73

Rejected:

The Waters amendment that sought to clarify that a country need not meet all requirements to be eligible to participate or receive benefits under the Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 81 ayes to 334 noes, Roll No. 44); Pages H1065–67, H1075–76

The Waters amendment that sought to specify minimum funding for the Development Fund for Africa for fiscal years 1999 through 2007 at a level not less than the amount made available for fiscal year 1998; and Pages H1067–70

The Bereuter amendment, as modified, that sought to allow the President the flexibility to designate Morocco as eligible to participate in programs or receive assistance under the Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 45). Pages H1073–75, H1076–77

H. Res. 383, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a yeas and nays vote of 227 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 43. Pursuant to the rule, it was made in order to consider as an original bill the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means as modified by the amendments printed in part 1 of H. Rept. 105–431, the report of the Committee on Rules. Pages H1027–37

Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act: The House completed general debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 992, to end the Tucker Act shuffle. Consideration of amendments will continue on Thursday, March 12. Pages H1087–94

Agreed to the Smith of Texas amendment that specifies that the jurisdiction does not extend to matters over which other Federal law has granted exclusive jurisdiction to one or more U.S. courts of appeals or district courts. Pages H1093–94

Amendment Pending:

The Watt of North Carolina amendment in the nature of a substitute was offered. It was made in order that this amendment shall be further debatable for 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled by Representative Watt and an opponent, on Thursday, March 12. Page H1094

H. Res. 382, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. Pages H1085–86

Presidential Message Re Viet Nam: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his determination of a waiver of the application of subsections 402(a) and (b) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Viet Nam—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-227).

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H1113.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1037, H1075-76, H1076-77, H1083, and H1084. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing to review the status of the USDA's farm loan programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Gus Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; and Carolyn Cooksie, Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs, Farm Service Agency.

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 Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Michael V. Dunn, Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Terry L. Medley, Administrator, Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service; Enrique Figueroa, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service; and James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on Supreme Court, Architect of the Capitol, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Patent and Trademark Office and the Technology Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Gary R. Bachula, Acting Under Secretary, Technology; Raymond Kammer, Director, National Insti-

tute of Standards and Technology; and Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Energy Resources. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Energy Research; Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Terry R. Lash, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency. Testimony was heard from James A. Harmon, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank; George Munoz, President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and J. Joseph Grandmaison, Director, Trade and Development Agency.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from Donald J. Barry, Acting Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the National Institute on Deafness and on Other Communication Disorders, and the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Kenneth Olden, M.D., Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; James F. Battey, M.D., Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; and Philip Gorden, M.D., Director, National Institute for Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a

hearing on Intelligence Programs. Testimony was heard from George J. Tenet, Director, CIA.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on FY 98 Supplemental. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William S. Cohen, Secretary; Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and William Lynn, Comptroller.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK). Testimony was heard from Jolene Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; and George Warrington, Acting President, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK).

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

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

CREDIT UNION COMMON BOND REQUIREMENT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing to review the Supreme Court's decision regarding the credit union common bond requirement and the appropriate Congressional response to the ruling. Testimony was heard from Representatives Paul, LaTourette, Kanjorski, Cannon, Smith of Michigan, Baker, Kennedy of Massachusetts and Ehrlich; Richard Carnell, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; Norman D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3246, Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act of 1998; H.R. 2864, amended, Occupational Safety and Health Administration Compliance Assistance Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 2877, amended, 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, amended, 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.

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE OF REGULATORY ANALYSIS CREATION ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1704, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Kelly; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2870, Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998.

The Committee ordered reported unfavorably 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.

The Committee favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 364, amended, 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; and H. Res. 361, amended, calling for free and impartial elections in Cambodia.

The Committee also approved Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on H.R. 3303, Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1999, 2000, and 2001. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Eric H. Holder, Jr., Deputy Attorney General; and Stephen Colgate, Assistant Attorney General, Administration.

DEFENSE REFORM INITIATIVE

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on the implementation of the November 1997 Defense Reform Initiative. Testimony was heard from John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense.

MISSION CAPABILITY RATES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on mission capability rates. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Thomas Burnette, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Plans; and Lt. Gen. John Coburn, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, both with the Department of the Army; Vice Adm. James O. Ellis, Jr., USN,

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Plans, Policy and Operations; Vice Adm. William J. Hancock, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations; Lt. Gen. Martin R. Steele, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans, Policies and Operations; Maj. Gen. Joseph D. Stewart, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics; Lt. Gen. Terrence R. Dake, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Aviation; and Brig. Gen. Bruce B. Byrum, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Aviation, all from the Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Patrick K. Gamble, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and Space Operations; and Lt. Gen. William P. Hallin, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, both with the Department of the Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, WY; H.R. 2376, amended, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1997; H.R. 2416, amended, to provide for the transfer of certain rights and property to the U.S. Forest Service in exchange for a payment to the occupant of such property; H.R. 2574, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, ND, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection; H.R. 2807, amended, Rhino and Tiger Product Labeling Act; H.R. 3087, amended, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to grant an easement to Chugach Alaska Corporation; H.R. 3113, Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 1998; and H.R. 3164, amended, Hydrographic Service Improvement Act of 1998.

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2883, Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report). The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the Government Reform and Oversight Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will 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 the 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 Representatives Horn, Sessions, Kucinich and Maloney of New York.

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

CONFERENCE REPORT—FOREIGN AFFAIRS REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 1757, Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

LINE ITEM VETO

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing on the Line Item Veto After One Year, the Process and Its Implementation. Testimony was heard from June O'Neill, Director, CBO; former Representative William F. Clinger, Jr., State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT—SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Committee on Science: Held an oversight hearing on Defining Successful Partnerships and Collaborations in Scientific Research. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BUDGET AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held an oversight hearing on Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Authorization Request: Environmental Protection Agency Research and Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Henry Longest, II, Acting Assistant Administrator, Research and Development; Costel Denson, Chairman, Executive Committee, Board of Scientific Counselors; Philip Hopke, member, Clean Air Science Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board; Charles E. Kolb, member, Committee on Research Opportunities and Priorities for the EPA, National Research Council; and Ishwar Murarka, Vice Chairman, Research Strategies Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported amended the following measures: H.R. 2843, Aviation Medical Assistance Act of 1997; and H. Con. Res. 238, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a breast cancer survivors event sponsored by the National Race for the Cure.

The Committee approved 1 Public Building Resolution and 7 Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions.

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

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

SUPERFUND ACCELERATION, FAIRNESS, AND EFFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2727, Superfund Acceleration, Fairness, and Efficiency Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3039, amended, Veterans' Transitional Housing Opportunities Act of 1997; H.R. 3211, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for burial at Arlington National Cemetery; and H.R. 3213, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify enforcement of veterans' employment rights with respect to a State as an employer or a private employer, to extend veterans' employment and reemployment rights to members of the uniformed services employed abroad by United States companies.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D195)

S. 916, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building". Signed March 9, 1998. (P.L. 105-161)

S. 985, to designate the post office located at 194 Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey, as the "Larry

Doby Post Office". Signed March 9, 1998. (P.L. 105-162)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for child nutrition programs, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Community Development Financial Institute, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Joint Committee on Printing, the Joint Economic Committee, the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Sergeant at Arms, the Library of Congress and the Congressional Research Service, and the Office of Compliance, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Treasury Department, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

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

Committee on Armed Services, 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 science and technology programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Energy, focusing on environmental management, non-proliferation, and fissile materials disposition, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 1423, to modernize and improve the Federal Home Loan Bank System, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for programs of the U.S. Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold closed hearings on intelligence issues relating to Chinese nuclear cooperation with various countries, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the new generation of African leaders and their impact on African democracy, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings to examine proposals to reform the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on managerial flexibility and accountability, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to resume hearings on provisions of S. 1530, to resolve ongoing tobacco litigation, to reform the civil justice system responsible for adjudicating tort claims against companies that manufacture tobacco products, and establish a national tobacco policy for the United States that will decrease youth tobacco use and reduce the marketing of tobacco products to young Americans, focusing on children's health and stopping children from smoking (pending on Senate calendar), 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to assess the new health care technologies role of the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 10:15 a.m., SD-430.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E357-59 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10:30 a.m., and the Farm Credit Administration, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Bureau of Prisons, 10 a.m., and on Members of Congress, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on the Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., and the National Endowment of the Arts and the National Endowment of the Humanities, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the National Human Genome Research Institute, 10 a.m., and on the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Housing Privatization Efforts, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Federal Transit Administration and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Executive Residence, 10 a.m., the Executive Office of the President, 11 a.m., and on the OMB, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NASA Space Station Programs, 8:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to consider the Committee's Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Views and Estimates, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Community-Based Care for Americans with Disabilities, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Public and Private School Choice in the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, oversight hearing of U.S. Regional counterdrug efforts, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on prospects for Implementation of Dayton Agreements and the New NATO Mission in Bosnia; and to mark up the following: H. Con. Res. 235, calling for an end to the violent repression of the legitimate rights of the people of Kosovo; H. Res. 373, commending democracy in Botswana; and the Committee's Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and estimates, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Helms Burton: Two Years Later, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to continue hearings 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, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 3168, Citizen Protection Act of 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 2134, Bail Bond Fairness Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., B352 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up the Temporary Agricultural Worker Act of 1998; and to consider private bills, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 1999 National Defense authorization budget request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation, hearing on morale, welfare and recreation programs and issues, 2 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military recruiting, retention, and related personnel programs and policies, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Concession Reform; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1522, to extend the authorization for the National Historic Preservation Fund; H.R. 2098, National Cave and Karst Research Institute Act of 1997; H.R. 2438, to encourage the establishment of appropriate trails on abandoned railroad rights-of-way, while ensuring the protection of certain reversionary property rights; and H.R. 2989, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Nevada, approximately 40 acres of land in Las Vegas, Nevada, to be used for the development of facilities for the residential care and treatment of adjudicated girls, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 3267, Sonny Bono Memorial Salton Sea Reclamation Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, to continue hearings on the Line Item Veto After One Year, the Process and Its Implementation, 9:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, oversight hearing to review the FAA's FY '99 Budget Request, including the Flight 2000 Demonstration Program, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing to discuss possible changes in the Small Business Investment Company program, 9 a.m., and to mark up a measure to make technical corrections in the Small Business Investment Company program, 9:45 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and Airport Improvement Program, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization: Resources Requirements, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Human Resources, joint hearing to review the challenges facing the new Commissioner of Social Security, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, March 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1173, ISTEPA Authorization.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 2883, Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997 (open rule, 1 hour of general debate);—

Complete consideration of H.R. 992, Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act of 1997 (open rule); and—

Consideration of the Conference Report to H.R. 1757, State Department Authorization Act for fiscal years 98 and 99 (rule waiving all points of order).

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