

Thursday, April 30, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to NATO Enlargement Treaty.

Senate agreed to Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3809–S3960

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2009–2022, and S. Res. 220–222. Page S3919

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 175, A bill to designate the week of May 3, 1998 as “National Correctional Officers and Employees Week.”

S. 1900, to establish a commission to examine issues pertaining to the disposition of Holocaust-era assets in the United States before, during, and after World War II, and to make recommendations to the President on further action, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Special Report entitled “Developments in Aging, Volume 3”. (S. Rept. 105–36)

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals”. (S. Rept. 105–179) Page S3918

Measures Passed:

National Erase the Hate and Eliminate Racism Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 221, to designate April 30, 1998, as “National Erase the Hate and Eliminate Racism Day”. Page S3959

Commending Stuart Balderson: Senate agreed to S. Res. 222, to commend Stuart Franklin Balderson. Page S3960

Resolution of Ratification Approved: By 80 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 117), two thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the resolution of ratification to the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech (Treaty Doc. 105–36, after agreeing to the committee declarations

and conditions, and after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S3810–S3907

Adopted:

Stevens Modified Amendment No. 2066, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the United States share of NATO’s common-funded budgets, and to require an annual limitation on the amount of United States expenditures for payments to the common-funded budgets of NATO. Page S3847

Stevens Modified Amendment No. 2065, to require a prior specific authorization of funds before any United States funds may be used to pay NATO enlargement costs. Pages S3845–47, S3859

Nickles/Smith Amendment No. 2327, to require that the President report on the Strategic Concept of NATO. Pages S3867–68

Rejected:

By 20 yeas to 80 nays (Vote No. 110), Craig Amendment No. 2316, to condition United States ratification of the protocols on specific statutory authorization for the continued deployment of United States Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the NATO mission. Pages S3810–17, S3840, S3843

By 17 yeas to 83 nays (Vote No. 111), Moynihan/Warner Amendment No. 2321, to express a condition regarding deferral of ratification of NATO enlargement until admission of Poland, Hungary, and Czech Republic to the European Union. Pages S3817–26, S3843–44

By 41 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 112), Warner/Moynihan Amendment No. 2322, to provide for a three-year pause in further NATO expansion after admission of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic. Pages S3826–44

By 16 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 113), Conrad/Bingaman Amendment No. 2320, to express the sense of the Senate regarding discussions with Russia on tactical nuclear weapons, increased transparency

about tactical nuclear weapons, data exchange, increased warhead security, and facilitation of weapons dismantlement. **Pages S3810, S3851–54, S3860**

Ashcroft Amendment No. 2318, to require a Presidential certification that NATO is and will remain a defensive military alliance. (By 82 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S3810, S3860–62

By 23 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 115), Bingaman Amendment No. 2324, to require a certification of United States policy not to support further enlargement of NATO (other than Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic) until revision of the Strategic Concept of NATO is completed.

Pages S3854–56, S3862–63

By 16 yeas to 83 nays (Vote No. 116), Smith (of New Hampshire) Amendment No. 2328, to condition United States ratification of the protocols on specific legislative action for the continued deployment of United States Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the NATO mission.

Pages S3899–S3902, S3904

Withdrawn:

Harkin Amendment No. 2326, to urge the examination of the compatibility of certain programs involving nuclear weapons cooperation with the obligations of the United States and other NATO members under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. **Pages S3863–66**

Inhofe Amendment No. 2325, to require the President to submit the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to the Senate for its consideration under the Treaty Power of the Constitution. **Pages S3902–03**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations—Conference Report: By 88 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 118), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S3907–13**

Job Training Partnership Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1186, to provide for education and training, on Friday, May 1, 1998.

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

Transmitting the report concerning the Australia Group and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of

Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–118).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Donna Tanoue, of Hawaii, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of five years.

Donna Tanoue, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring October 3, 2000.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of Chief, Army Reserve, United States Army.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy. **Pages S3914, S3960–61**

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Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—118)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 11:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 1, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3960.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the role that transportation plays in allowing U.S. producers to retain their position in global food and agricultural markets, after receiving testimony from Representative Nick Smith; Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; John Bratton, Central Soya Company, Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana, on behalf of the National

Grain and Feed Association; Gary Hall, Kansas Farm Bureau, Manhattan, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Charles D. Rosas, Farmland Industries, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the Fertilizer Institute; Allen Anderson, Harvest States Cooperative, St. Paul, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives and the Midwest Area River Coalition 2000; and Thomas A. Allegratti, American Waterways Operators, Arlington, Virginia.

APPROPRIATIONS—CUSTOMS SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the United States Customs Service, focusing on programs to deter pornography on the Internet, receiving testimony from Samuel Banks, Acting Commissioner, United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and Ernie Allen, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Arlington, Virginia.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 7.

APPROPRIATION—EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Environmental Protection Agency, receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 7.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,288 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

CREDIT UNION MEMBERSHIP ACCESS ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 1151, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law and ratify the longstanding policy of the National Credit Union Administration Board with regard to field membership of Federal credit unions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1325, to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000, with amendments; and

The nominations of Vice Adm. James M. Loy, USC, to be Commandant, Vice Adm. James C. Card, USC, to be Vice Commandant, Rear Adm. Thomas H. Collins, USC, to be Commander, Pacific Area, and a promotion list, all of the United States Coast Guard.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the aforementioned nominations of Messrs. Loy and Card, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Loy was introduced by Senators Inouye and Stevens.

AUTHORIZATION—FAA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Federal Aviation Administration and on implementation of the recommendations of the National Civil Aviation Review Commission, recessing testimony from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management resumed hearings on S. 1253, to provide to the Federal land management agencies the authority and capability to manage effectively the federal lands in accordance with the principles of multiple use and sustained yield, receiving testimony from John R. McGuire, Gaithersburg, Maryland, R. Max Peterson, Washington, D.C., F. Dale Robertson, Sedona, Arizona, and Jack Ward Thomas, Florence, Montana, each a former Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Cy Jamison, Washington, D.C., former Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, May 5.

PARK CONCESSIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation held hearings on proposals to improve the management of concession operations at national parks, focusing on title IV of S. 1693, to renew, reform, reinvigorate, and protect the National Park System, and S. 624, to establish a competitive process for the awarding of concession contracts in units of the National Park System, receiving testimony from Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; William J. Bissett, Delaware North Companies, Inc., Buffalo, New York; Philip H. Voorhees, National Parks and Conservation Association, and David L. Brown, America Outdoors, both of Washington, D.C.; Andrew N. Todd, Amfac Parks and Resorts,

Aurora, Colorado, on behalf of the National Parks Hospitality Association; Craig Mackey, Outward Bound USA, Golden, Colorado; Curtis E. Cornelssen, Horwath Landauer, Boston, Massachusetts; and Robert J. Gersack, First Interstate Bank of Commerce, Livingston, Montana.

Hearings continue on Thursday, May 7.

IRS

Committee on Finance: Committee continued oversight hearings on the operation of the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on ethics and allegations of abuses and improper conduct by high-level agency officials, receiving testimony from former Senator Howard H. Baker, Jr.; former Representative James H. Quillen; Tommy A. Henderson, Special Agent, Criminal Investigation Division, Michael Ayala, Analyst (Georgia District), Minh Thi Johnson, Revenue Agent (Los Angeles, California District), Maureen O'Dwyer, International Examiner, and Ginger Mary Jarvis, Acting Team Coordinator (both of the Manhattan, New York District), and Patricia J. Gernt, former Special Agent, and Barbara Latham, former Tax Fraud Investigative Aide, both of the Criminal Investigation Division (both of the Nashville, Tennessee District), all of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; and David Crockett, First District Attorney General of Tennessee.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items: The nominations of Susan Oki Mollway, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, and Arthur A. McGiverin, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute; S. Res. 175, to designate the week of May 3, 1998 as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week"; and

An original bill to amend title 17, U.S. Code, to implement the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, to provide limitations on copyright liability relating to material online.

TOBACCO INDUSTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the impact on the tobacco industry of proposed legislation relating to the increase in the price of tobacco products, focusing on whether new opportunities for the black market would be prevalent if tobacco prices rise, receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; John W. Hough, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Washington; Ron J. Martelle, FIA Specialist Investigations Group Inc., Cornwall, Ontario, Canada; David J. Adelman, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, New York, New York; and David Sweanor, Smoking and Health Action Foundation, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, focusing on the Agency's contribution to technology assessment and health care quality improvement, after receiving testimony from John M. Eisenberg, Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Department of Health and Human Services; David A. Kindig, University of Wisconsin, Madison, on behalf of the Association for Health Services Research; Elizabeth A. McGlynn, RAND, Santa Monica, California; Gerben DeJong, National Rehabilitation Hospital Research Center, Washington, D.C.; Phil B. Fontanarosa, Northwestern University Medical School, and J. Dunkin Moore, Jr., on behalf of the Association of Health Care Journalists, both of Chicago, Illinois; and Susan Dentzer, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, May 5.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 3764–3786; 4 private bills, H.R. 3761–3763; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 117, H. Con. Res. 268–270, and H. Res. 417, 418 were introduced. **Pages H2705–06**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–504); and

H. Res. 416, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–505). **Pages H2629–51, H2705**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Thomas Kuhn of Centerville, Ohio. **Page H2611**

District of Columbia Student Opportunity Scholarship Act of 1997: The House passed S. 1502, entitled the “District of Columbia Student Opportunity Scholarship Act of 1997” by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 206 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 119—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H2623–29, H2651–71**

Rejected the Norton motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 118. **Pages H2669–70**

H. Res. 413, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by yea and nay vote of 224 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 117. **Pages H2614–23**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4:02 p.m. **Page H2672**

Expedited Procedures—Emergency Appropriations: The House agreed to H. Res. 414, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules by yea and nay vote of 211 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 120. **Pages H2671–72**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 by a yea and nay vote of 242 yeas to 163 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 121. **Pages H2675–91**

Agreed to H. Res. 416, the rule that provided for consideration of the conference report by a voice vote. **Pages H2673–75**

Late Report: The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence received permission to have until midnight on Monday, May 4 to file a report on H.R. 3694, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Page H2691**

Legislative Program: The Majority Whip announced the Legislative Program for the week of May 4. **Page H2692**

Meeting Hour—Monday, May 4: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 4. **Page H2692**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, May 5: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5 for Morning Hour debates. **Page H2692**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, May 6. **Pages H2692–93**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his certification in connection with condition (7)(C)(i), Effectiveness of Australia Group, of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–246). **Page H2693**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H2611–12.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2707–37.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2622–23, H2670, H2670–71, H2672, and H2690–91. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services continued appropriation

hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

HOME IMPROVEMENT FINANCING— CONSUMER ABUSES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on Consumer Abuses in Home Improvement Financing. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fox of Pennsylvania and Bentsen; Stanley J. Czerwinski, Associate Director, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; Kathryn Kuhl-Inclan, Assistant Inspector General, Audit, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Commerce: Held a hearing on Electronic Commerce: The Marketplace of the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met and authorized the issuance of subpoenas in connection with the Subcommittee's Portals investigation.

REFORMING BILINGUAL EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Reforming Bilingual Education. Testimony was heard from Representatives Livingston and Becerra; and public witnesses.

TEAMSTERS INVESTIGATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on the Teamsters Investigation. Testimony was heard from John J. Sweeney, President, AFL-CIO.

VENEZUELAN MONEY AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on "Venezuelan Money and the Presidential Election". Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District Attorney's Office, New York County: Richard T. Preiss, Assistant District Attorney, Senior Investigative Counsel; and Joseph J. Dawson, Assistant District Attorney; and a public witness.

CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA—U.S. ROLE

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the U.S. Role in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Testimony was heard from Frederico Peña, Secretary of Energy; the following officials of the Department of State: Steve Sestanovich, Ambassador at Large for the Independent States; and Ambassador Richard

Morningstar, Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State and Coordinator of Assistance to the Newly Independent States; and Don Pressley, Acting Assistant Administrator, Europe and the New Independent State, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

U.S. POLICY OPTIONS TOWARD CHINA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Policy Options Toward China: Rule of Law and Democracy Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRIVATE TRUSTEE REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action H.R. 2592, Private Trustee Reform Act of 1997.

CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3168, Citizen Protection Act of 1998.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 3723, United States Patent and Trademark Office Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1999; and H.R. 1690, to amend title 28 of the United States Code regarding enforcement of child custody orders.

CHILD PROTECTION AND SEXUAL PREDATOR PUNISHMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 3494, Child Protection and Sexual Predator Punishment Act of 1998, and related measures. Testimony was heard from Representatives Franks of New Jersey, Pryce of Ohio, Riley, Weller, Gutknecht, Lampson and Slaughter; Kevin DiGregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2431, amended, Freedom From Religious Persecution Act of 1997; and H.R. 3736, Workforce Improvements and Protection Act of 1998.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel approved for full Committee action

amended H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

OVERSIGHT—WEST COAST GROUND FISH ISSUE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on West Coast Groundfish Issue. Testimony was heard from Senator Wyden; Rolland Schmitt, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1282, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities of the Minidoka project to the Burley Irrigation District, and for other purposes; H.R. 1943, Carlsbad Irrigation Project Acquired Land Transfer Act; H.R. 2161, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Palmetto Bend Project to the State of Texas; H.R. 2506, Collbran Project Unit Conveyance Act; H.R. 3056, to provide for the preservation and sustainability of the family farm through the transfer of responsibility for operation and maintenance of the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project, Montana; H.R. 3677, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila Project, and Designated Lands within or adjacent to the Gila project, to the Welton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District; H.R. 3687, to authorize prepayment of amounts due under a water reclamation project contract for the Canadian River Project, Texas; H.R. 3706, Clear Creek Distribution System Conveyance Act; and H.R. 3715, Pine River Project Conveyance Act. Testimony was heard from Representative McInnis; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and Ross Mooney, Acting Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 6 to 4, a rule waiving all points or order against the conference report accompanying H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and against its

consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Livingston and Representative Obey.

AVIATION MATTERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on the impact of recent alliances, international agreements, DOT actions, and pending legislation on air fares, air services, and competition in the airline industry. Testimony was heard from Charles A. Hunnicutt, Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation; John Nannes, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 2730, to designate the Federal building located at 309 North Church Street in Dyersburg, Tennessee, as the "Jere Cooper Federal Building;" H.R. 2225, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed on Las Vegas Boulevard between Bridger Avenue and Clark Avenue in Las Vegas, NV, as the "Lloyd D. George Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 3453, to designate the Federal Building and Post Office located at 100 East B Street, Casper, Wyoming, as the "Dick Cheney Federal Building;" H.R. 3295, to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building;" H.R. 3504, amended, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Authorization Act; H. Con. Res. 255, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 265, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; H. Con. Res. 262, amended, authorizing the 1998 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds; and H. Con. Res. 263, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the seventeenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on U.S. Customs Service Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Samuel H. Banks, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service; and

Dennis Schindel, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate-and House-passed versions of H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

ISTEA

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate-and House-passed versions of H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways,

highway safety programs, and transit programs, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance, to continue oversight hearings to examine the operation of the Internal Revenue Service, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, May 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, May 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will consider S. 1186, Job Training Partnership Act.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Pro Forma Session.

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