

Tuesday, May 19, 1998

# Daily Digest

## Highlights

The House passed H.R. 3534, Mandates Information Act of 1998.

The House passed 13 measures under Suspension of the Rules including H. Res. 440, Sense of Congress Re Conferring Immunity from Prosecution for Testimony Concerning Illegal Foreign Fundraising Activities.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5031–S5148*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2091–2093, and S. Res. 232. Page S5129

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. 8, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–192)

S. Res. 172, congratulating President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga and the people of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the celebration of 50 years of independence.

S. Res. 188, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Israeli membership in a United Nations regional group. Page S5129

#### Measures Passed:

**Commemorative Coin Program:** Senate passed H.R. 3301, to amend chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of the Treasury greater discretion with regard to the placement of the required inscriptions on quarter dollars issued under the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program, clearing the measure for the President. Page S5128

**Universal Tobacco Settlement Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1415, 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, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 2420), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S5034–28, S5145–48

#### Rejected:

Faircloth Amendment No. 2421 (to Amendment No. 2420), to establish a limitation on attorney's fees. (By 58 yeas to 39 nays, two responding present (Vote No. 142), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S5095–S5114

#### Pending:

Kennedy/Lautenberg Amendment No. 2422 (to Amendment No. 2420), to modify those provisions relating to revenues from payments made by participating tobacco companies. Pages S5116–28

Ashcroft Amendment No. 2427 (to Amendment No. 2422), to strike those provisions relating to consumer taxes. Pages S5119–22

Senate will continue consideration of the bill and the amendments pending thereto on Wednesday, May 20, 1998.

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Carl J. Barbier, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Page S5148

**Messages From the House:** Page S5129

**Executive Reports of Committees:** Page S5129

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** Pages S5129–34

**Additional Cosponsors:** Page S5134

**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S5135–41

**Authority for Committees:** Page S5141

**Additional Statements:** Pages S5141–44

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—142) Page S5114

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:23 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 20, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5145.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings to examine the state of advanced nuclear technologies, focusing on the disposal of spent nuclear fuel from nuclear power reactors, the future strategic direction for nuclear energy and nuclear regulation, and the development of the Gas Turbine-Modular Helium Reactor, after receiving testimony from Hank C. Jenkins-Smith, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; Joe F. Colvin, Jr., Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, D.C.; Corbin A. McNeill, Jr., PECO Energy Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Richard Wilson, Harvard University, and Alan B. Smith, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts; Stan O. Schriber, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico; Linden Blue, General Atomics, San Diego, California; and Charles E. Till, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois.

### FCC

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications resumed oversight hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission, focusing on activities of the Mass Media Bureau, receiving testimony from Roy Stewart, Chief, Mass Media Bureau, FCC.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### PUERTO RICO

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee held oversight hearings to examine fiscal and economic implications of a change in the political status of Puerto Rico, receiving testimony from James R. White, Associate Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Accounting Office; J. Thomas Hexner, International Institute for Advanced Studies, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Ivar A. Pietri, Peregrine Development Company, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico; and Marcos Rodriguez-Ema, Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico, Fernando Martin-Garcia, Puerto Rican Independence Party, and Santos Negron Diaz, Puerto Rico Development Bank, all of San Juan.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1758, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests, with amendments;

S. Res. 172, congratulating President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga and the people of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the celebration of 50 years of independence;

S. Res. 188, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Israeli membership in a United Nations regional group;

An original bill to amend section 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act to require information on foreign government officials responsible for human rights abuses;

S. Con. Res. 30, expressing the sense of Congress that the Republic of China on Taiwan should be admitted to multilateral economic institutions including the IMF and IBRD;

H.R. 2232, to provide for increased international broadcasting activities to China, with amendments;

The International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (Treaty Doc. 104-17), with 1 reservation, 2 declarations, and 1 proviso;

The International Grains Agreement (Treaty Doc. 105-4), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization (Treaty Doc. 104-36), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

The Trademark Law Treaty (Treaty Doc. 105-35), with 2 declarations and 1 proviso; and

The nominations of William Joseph Burns, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Ryan Clark Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, Charles H. Dolan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, and three Foreign Service Officer promotion lists, with an exception, received in the Senate on March 26, 1998 and April 2, 1998.

### GOVERNMENT COMPUTER SECURITY

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee held hearings to examine the state of computer security within Federal, State and local agencies, focusing on certain risks related to computer-communication technology and efforts to reduce them, receiving testimony from Peter G. Neumann, SRI International, Menlo Park, California; and representatives from LOph Heavy Industries.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### TELEPHONE INDUSTRY CONSOLIDATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights and Competition concluded hearings to examine the state of competition in the

telecommunications industry, focusing on how consolidation within the industry will affect businesses and consumers, including the impact of the proposed merger between Ameritech and SBC Communications, Inc., after receiving testimony from Edward E. Whitacre, Jr., SBC Communications, Inc., San Antonio, Texas; and Scott C. Cleland, Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc., and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.

### BANKRUPTCY REFORM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts held hearings on S. 1914, to provide reforms to the business provisions of the bankruptcy code, focusing on Title II which updates and improves provisions of the bankruptcy code designed to ensure liquidity in financial markets, Title IV which establishes special fast-track bankruptcy procedures for businesses in Chapter 11 which have less than \$5 million in debt, and certain tax provisions, receiving testimony from Linda Ekstrom Stanley, United States Trustee for Region 17 (San Francisco, California), Department of Justice; Jere W. Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration; Roger L. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Federal Finance; Philip J. Hendel, Hendel, Collins & Newton, Springfield, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Commercial Law League; Stephen H. Case, Davis, Polk & Wardwell, former Adviser, National Bankruptcy Review Commission, Ann Stern, Financial Guarantee Insurance Corporation, on behalf of the Association of Financial Guaranty Insurers, David Warren, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co., Inc., on behalf of the Bond Market Association, and Kathleen J. Cahill, New York City Office of the Corporation Counsel, on behalf of the National League of Cities, all of New York, New York; Randal C. Picker, Sidley & Austin, on behalf of the National Bankruptcy Conference, and Illinois Assistant Attorney

General James D. Newbold, on behalf of the National Association of Attorneys General, both of Chicago, Illinois; H. Elizabeth Baird, NationsBank, Charlotte, North Carolina, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Joyce Kuhns, Weinberg & Green, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the International Council of Shopping Centers; Grant W. Newton, Pepperdine University, Malibu, California; and Damon Silvers, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

### HEALTH CARE QUALITY

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine how to implement improved health claim grievance procedures, focusing on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) requirements regarding internal review of health benefit claims and the need for independent external review, and S. 1712, to improve the quality of health plans and provide protections for consumers enrolled in such plans, after receiving testimony from Olena Berg, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefits; Margaret A. Hamburg, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Planning and Evaluation; Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Health Services Quality and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Maryland State Delegate Marilyn Goldwater, Annapolis, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures; Stephen deMontmollin, AvMed Health Plan, Gainesville, Florida, on behalf of the American Association of Health Plans; Mark Smith, AMP Incorporated, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Corporate Health Care Coalition; Peter W. Thomas, Powers, Pyles, Sutter & Verville, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Health Task Force of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities; and Thomas McAfee, Brown and Toland Medical Group, San Francisco, California.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 3890-3903; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 278, were introduced. Pages H3487-88

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on May 18, H.R. 3150, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, amended (H. Rept. 105-540); Page H3366

Filed on May 18, H.R. 3809, to authorize appropriations for the United States Customs Service for fiscal years 1999 and 2000. Amended (H. Rept. 105-541); Page H3366

H.R. 2863, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify restrictions under that Act on baiting, to facilitate acquisition of migratory bird habitat, amended (H. Rept. 105-542);

H.J. Res. 78, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom, amended (H. Rept. 105-543); and

H. Res. 441, providing for the further consideration of H.R. 3616, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999 (H. Rept. 105-544).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:21 p.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon.

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**Private Calendar:** Agreed that the call of the Private Calendar for today be dispensed with.

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**Presidential Message—Re Burma:** Read a letter from the President, received on May 18, wherein he transmitted his report concerning the National Emergency with respect to Burma—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-253).

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

**Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act:** H.R. 1023, amended, to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H3377-92

**Veterans Transitional Housing Opportunities Act:** H.R. 3039, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to guarantee loans to provide multi-family transitional housing for homeless veterans (passed by yeas and nays vote of 405 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 162);

Pages H3392-95, H3461

**Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility Projects:** H.R. 3603, amended, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1999;

Pages H3395-98

**Collections of Information Antipiracy Act:** H.R. 2652, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to prevent the misappropriation of collections of information;

Pages H3398-H3404

**Limiting the Jurisdiction of the Federal Courts Re Prison Release Orders:** H.R. 3718, to limit the jurisdiction of the Federal courts with respect to prison release orders (passed by a recorded vote of 352 yeas to 53 noes, Roll No. 163);

Pages H3404-07, H3461-62

**Drug Free Borders Act:** H.R. 3809, amended, to authorize appropriations for the United States Cus-

toms Service for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 (passed by yeas and nays vote of 320 yeas to 86 nays, Roll No. 164). Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H3407-16, H3462-63

**National Historic Preservation Fund Reauthorization:** H.R. 1522, amended, to extend the authorization for the National Historic Preservation Fund;

Pages H3416-19

**Wetlands and Wildlife Enhancement Act of 1997:** H.R. 2556, amended, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partnerships for Wildlife Act;

Pages H3419-20

**New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act:** H.R. 512, amended, to prohibit the expenditure of funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the creation of new National Wildlife Refuges without specific authorization from Congress pursuant to a recommendation from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to create the refuge;

Pages H3420-23

**Honoring EMS Personnel Who Have Died in the Line of Duty:** H. Con. Res. 171, amended, declaring the memorial service sponsored by the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Memorial Service Board of Directors to honor emergency medical services personnel to be the "National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service." Agreed to amend the title.

Pages H3423-25

**National Bone Marrow Donor Registry Reauthorization:** H.R. 2202, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the bone marrow donor program;

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**Energy Policy and Conservation Act Program Extensions:** Concurred in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2472, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act—clearing the measure for the President; and

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**Immunity from Prosecution for Testimony Re Illegal Fundraising Activities:** H. Res. 440, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight should confer immunity from prosecution for information and testimony concerning illegal foreign fundraising activities (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 402 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 161).

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**Mandates Information Act of 1998:** The House passed H.R. 3534, to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates by a recorded vote of 279 yeas to 132 noes, Roll No. 160. The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to the bill on May 13.

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**Agreed To:**

The Traficant amendment that requires annual CBO reports on the economic impact of the Act on employment and businesses in the United States.

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**Rejected:**

The Moakley amendment that sought to strike language that exempts from points of order provisions that result in net decreases in tax and tariff revenues (rejected by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 156);

Pages H3430–36, H3448

The Waxman amendment that sought to permit points of order against provisions that prohibit or make less stringent any mandate established to protect human health, safety, or the environment (rejected by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 157);

Pages H3436–42, H3449

The Boehlert amendment that sought to exclude points of order against amendments with respect to an increase in the direct costs of Federal private sector mandates (rejected by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 158); and

Pages H3443–46, H3449–50

The Becerra amendment that sought to permit points of order against provisions that prohibit or make less stringent any mandate established to protect civil rights (rejected by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 159).

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The House agreed to H. Res. 426, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill on May 13.

**Motion to Instruct Conferees:** Representative Obey notified the House of his intention to offer a motion on Wednesday, May 20, to instruct House conferees on H.R. 2400, Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act.

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**DOD Authorization:** The House completed general debate on H.R. 3616, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999. Consideration of amendments will begin on Wednesday, May 20.

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H. Res. 435, the rule providing for general debate only on the bill was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3367.

**Referral:** S. 1723, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to make the restrictions on foreign students added by such Act inapplicable to students lawfully present in the United States on the effective date of the restrictions in cases where a public school or adult education program evidences a desire for such result

was referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Education and the Workforce, and International Relations.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea and nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3448, H3449, H3449–50, H3450, H3451–52, H3460–61, H3461, H3461–62, and H3463. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:19 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### SECURITIES LITIGATION UNIFORM STANDARDS ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 1689, Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Campbell and Eshoo; the following officials of the SEC: Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman; and Richard Walker, Director of Enforcement; the following officials of the Securities Regulation Division, Department of Corporations, State of California: Blake Campbell, Assistant Commissioner; and A. Peter Kezirian, Jr., General Counsel; and public witnesses.

### COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE—SAVINGS THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Medicare Billing: Savings Through Implementation of Commercial Software. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; Joel Willemsen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; Adm. Tom Carrato, USN, Director, Military Health System Operations, Department of Defense; Michael W. Hartford, Director, Health Administration Center, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

### TEAMSTERS' ELECTION—WHO PAYS FOR THE RERUN

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on "Who Pays for the Rerun Teamsters' Election?" Testimony was heard from Stephen R. Colgate, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Gary L. Kepplinger, Associate General Counsel, Accounting and Financial Management, GAO; and Tom Sever, Secretary-Treasurer, International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

**PROTECTING HEALTH INFORMATION**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on protecting Health Information: Legislative Options. Testimony was heard Representative Shays; and public witnesses.

**KYOTO PROTOCOL**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs continued hearings on "The Kyoto Protocol: Is the Clinton-Gore Administration Selling Out Americans? Part II." Testimony was heard from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Council of Economic Advisers; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

**OVERSIGHT—AIRLINE INDUSTRY—STATE OF COMPETITION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held an oversight hearing on the State of Competition in the Airline Industry. Testimony was heard from Joel Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Nancy McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2291, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978 to enable the Secretary of the Interior to more effectively utilize the proceeds of sales of certain items; H.R. 3460, to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Latvia; H.R. 3461, to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Poland; and H.R. 3647, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skaggs and Deutsch; Gary Taylor, Acting Assistant Director, External Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Brian Hallman, Deputy Director, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; David Evans, Deputy Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

**UTAH SCHOOLS AND LANDS EXCHANGE ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 3830, Utah Schools and Lands Exchange Act of

1998. Testimony was heard from Representative Cook; Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Michael Leavitt, Governor of Utah; and public witnesses.

**FALL RIVER WATER USERS DISTRICT WATER SYSTEM ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on H.R. 1212, Fall River Water Users District Rural Water System Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from David Cottingham, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Department of the Interior; Douglas Hofer, Director, Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Division of Parks and Recreation, State of South Dakota; and a public witness.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, providing that no further general debate shall be in order. The rule provides for consideration of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for amendment purposes, which shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules and the amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides that except as specified in section 5 of the resolution, amendments will be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. Except as otherwise provided in the report, amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between a proponent and an opponent. Amendments are not amendable (except that the Chairman and ranking minority member of the National Security Committee each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of further debate on any pending amendment). The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in the report and those amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides for an additional 2 hours of general debate on U.S. policy toward China, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security, which shall precede consideration of the amendments in part A of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides for an additional 30 minutes of general debate on the subject of assigning members of the armed forces to assist in border control, divided

equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security, which precede the amendments printed in part C of the report. The rule authorizes the Chairman of the National Security Committee or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of the amendments in part D of the report or germane modifications thereto, which shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), shall be debatable for 20 minutes divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security or their designees and which shall not be subject to amendment or a demand for a division of the question. The rule provides that, for the purposes of inclusion in such amendments en bloc, an amendment printed in the form of a motion to strike may be modified to the form of a germane perfecting amendment to the text originally proposed to be stricken. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the dispositions of the en bloc amendments. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes on any amendment and to reduce to 5 minutes the time for voting after the first of a series of votes provided that the first vote is not less than 15 minutes. The rule also permits the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in the report out of order in which printed, but not sooner than one hour after the Chairman of the National Security Committee or a designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Representatives Weldon of Pennsylvania, Hefley, Saxton, Fowler, Watts of Oklahoma, Thornberry, Gibbons, McCollum, Smith of New Jersey, Doolittle, Bonilla, Campbell, Wamp, Snowbarger, Graham, Skelton, Sisisky, Spratt, Evans, Taylor of Mississippi, Abercrombie, Reyes, Markey, Frank of Massachusetts, Traficant, Pallone, Lowey, Engel, Moran of Virginia, Norton, Sanders, Cramer, Bishop, Maloney of New York, Bentsen, and Etheridge.

#### COAST GUARD DEEPWATER CAPABILITY REPLACEMENT ANALYSIS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Coast Guard Deepwater Capability Replacement Analysis. Testimony was heard from Adm. Robert Kramek, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

#### CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Child Support Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Donna Bonar, Director, Program Operations Division, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Department of Health and Human Services; Jeffrey Cohen, Director, Office of Child Support, State of Vermont; Diane Fray, IV-D Administrator, Department of Social Services, Child Support Program, State of Connecticut; Alisha Griffin, Acting Assistant Director, Division of Family Development, State of New Jersey; Jacqueline M. Jennings, Manager, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Department of Human Resources, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 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 Army programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for osteoporosis prevention, education and research, 12 Noon, SD-138.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries, to hold hearings on S. 1480, to authorize appropriations for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conduct research, monitoring, education and management activities for the eradication and control of harmful algal blooms, including blooms of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other aquatic toxins, 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,* Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to review Russian foreign and domestic policy, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold hearings to examine the certification of a United Nations reform budget of \$2,533 billion, 4:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to hold hearings on S. 1645, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings on S. 512, to amend chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, relating to identity fraud, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Indian Affairs,* business meeting, to mark up S. 1691, to provide for Indian legal reform, and S. 2069, to permit the leasing of mineral rights, in any case

in which the Indian owners of an allotment that is located within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and held in trust by the United States have executed leases to more than 50 percent of the mineral estate of that allotment, 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*, to hold hearings on the nomination of Joan Avalyn Dempsey, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem*, to hold an organizational meeting to consider the committee rules of procedure, 10 a.m., SD-116.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on H.R. 3766, Plant Protection Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the implementation of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) regulatory requirements, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Nobel Laureate, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, to mark up the Budget Resolution for fiscal year 1999, 11 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Biometrics and the Future of Money, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on External Regulation of Department of Energy Nuclear Facilities, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on H.R. 2021, Auto Choice Reform Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on American Worker Project: Innovative Workplaces for the Future, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, to continue hearings on "The Kyoto Protocol: Is the Clinton-Gore Administration Selling Out Americans? Part III", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on Eradication and Elimination of Six Infectious Diseases, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Anti-Corruption Efforts in Africa, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on U.S.-Taiwan Relations, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3736, Workforce Improvement and Protection

Act of 1998; S. 170, Clone Pager Authorization Act; H.R. 3633, Controlled Substances Trafficking Prohibition Act; and H.R. 2592, Private Trustee Reform Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, to consider the following: H.R. 1154, Indian Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act of 1997; H.R. 1635, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1997; H.R. 1865, Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act of 1997; H.R. 2411, to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission; H.R. 2538, Guadalupe-Hidalgo Treaty Land Claims Act of 1997; H.R. 2742, California Indian Land Transfer Act; H.R. 2795, Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1997; H.R. 2812, Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition Act; H.R. 3267, Sonny Bono Memorial Salton Sea Reclamation Act; H.R. 3520, to adjust the boundaries of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the adjacent Wenatchee National Forest in the State of Washington; H.R. 3796, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the administrative site for the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds for the construction or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management; H.R. 3797, Wyandotte Tribe Settlement Act of 1998; and a Committee Report on Mining Regulations promulgated by the Bureau of Land Management, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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*Joint Economic Committee*, to hold hearings to examine the current state of intelligence operations in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-106.

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**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 1415, Universal Tobacco Settlement Act.

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**Program for Wednesday:** Continue consideration of H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (structured rule); and

Consideration of H. Res. 436, making in order H. Res. 432, expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives Concerning the President's Assertions of Executive Privilege and H. Res. 433, calling upon the President of the United States to Urge Full Cooperation by his Former Political Appointees and Friends and their Associates with Congressional Investigations.

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